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Warning over fake iPhones trading

THE hottest trend in mobile phones may leave shoppers feeling cold after fake iPhones are found in a van in Oldbury.

Trading standards officers from Sandwell Council found a haul of counterfeit phones and chargers in the back of a white transit van during a routine stop as part of operations with West Midlands Police

Tests on the fake phones and chargers have found that while they meet basic safety standards prolonged charging could cause the handsets to set on fire.

The council has warned consumers the counterfeits are so close to the real product it would be easy for a member of the public to be tricked into handing over cash for what they may believe is a genuine item.

Advise

Conmen are believed to have offered the counterfeit Apple iPhone 4s and iPhone 5 at a fraction of the £410 to £700 retail price.

Sandwell trading standards manager Bob Charnley said: "If anyone approaches you in the street and offers you a product that appears to be too good to be true, in all likelihood it is.

"I would advise members of the public to avoid these products as you could very well be wasting a considerable amount of money."

Norovirus shuts wards

ALL wards at Sandwell Hospital have been closed to visitors after dozens of patients contracted norovirus.

Twenty-four patients on Lyndon Four ward, 17 on Priory Ward Five, 18 on Lyndon Five and six on Lyndon Three have been confirmed as having the bug.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Trust spokeswoman Jeanette Lunt said: "We have four wards shut due to confirmed cases. We have been forced to shut for the safety of patients."

Staffie bit teenager after running out of house

A TEENAGER needed hospital treatment after a Staffordshire bull terrier escaped from a house and bit him, a court heard.

The 15-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was with friends in Jesson Street, West Bromwich, when the dog jumped up at him, biting him in the groin area, forcing him to the ground, before biting him a second time, Sandwell magistrates heard.

It eventually let go after the 20 to 30-second assault, leaving the boy with a 2cm wound and a graze to the right elbow.

The court was told that Jalani Francis had been in the house with his wife Marcia when they heard a commotion and screams from the group of friends outside.

Miss Rosie Sivia, prosecuting, said Marcia Francis opened the front door to find out what was going on but the dog ran outside and launched the attack.

Miss Sivia said an argument began between people gathered outside in the road in the aftermath but the boy slipped away. After he noticed blood stains he went to Sandwell General Hospital where the wound was cleaned up.

Miss Sivia said the dog was owned by Francis's son, and he had been looking after it for him. Francis, now of Douglas Road, Handsworth, pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to being in charge of a dog which was dangerously out of control in a public place and caused injury last May. The 41-year-old appeared at court on Monday for sentencing. Mr Errol Robinson, defending, said he was a man of previous good character. "This is a case of negligence rather than any deliberate or reckless action," he said.

District Judge Michael Wheeler said Francis should be allowed to have dogs as the evidence failed to show he was an unfit owner but he ordered the dog be destroyed.

Francis was given a 12-month community order and 80 hours unpaid work. He was ordered to pay the 15-year-old £300 compensation, £80 court costs and £250 towards kennelling fees while the dog was cared for by police.

HOMES PROJECTS SET TO LIFT TOWN

TWO major regeneration schemes have been announced in a bid to breathe new life into Smethwick.

A £8 million scheme will see new commercial buildings as well as improved pedestrian links between the Rolfe Street railway station and High Street.

And plans have been also submitted to build 57 homes at the site of the old Windmill Precinct as part of the long-awaited multi-million pound Windmill Eye scheme.

by David Lamb

Welcoming the move, Sandwell economy boss and Smethwick councillor Steve Eling said: "This is very good for Smethwick.

"It's nice to see developments move forward that have been on drawing board for a while.

"People in Smethwick will be pleased to see what are vacant sites being brought back into use."

Councillor Eling was expected to approve a £4m bid to the European Regional Development Fund for the Rolfe Street scheme today (Thursday).

The total costs are £8.1m to be match-funded from the public and private sector.

If funding is approved, it is hoped work will start in April to end in September 2015

The project is to complement the £42m Brindley Village II regeneration , which will see al-most 200 homes plus shops, roads and open spaces created on a 12-acre site at Lewisham Road, Mafeking Road and the Birmingham Mainline canal. The planned 57-home development will take place on a 1.2 hectare space on the north west side of Windmill Lane.

The majority will be houses while three of the units are flats over garages. Under the proposals, three two-bedroom homes, 47 three-bedroom homes and seven four-bedroom homes will be constructed.

The site has been derelict for the past five years. The development is part of the £84m Windmill Eye project that will eventually see around 750 homes built in Smethwick. Windmill Eye sits with the A457 Soho Way and Grove Lane to the north, and High Street and Cape Hill, to the south.

Councillor Simon Hackett, Sandwell's cabinet member for housing, said: "This is the start of hundreds of new homes being built across Sandwell. "

Trombonist to make brass for charity

Russell Lock hopes to raise cash for Cancer Research UK by completing six grade eight music exams in one day

A TALENTED music teacher from Sandwell's music service in Oldbury is hoping to hit the right notes to raise hundreds for charity.

Russell Lock, aged 22, of Yew Tree Road, Smethwick, is an accomplished trombone player and later this year he will take six of the high level grade eight music exams on one day, five on instruments he has never played before.

The aim is to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

He said he knew he needed to help after seeing his father suffer with leukaemia for years before successfully beating it. The tutor from Sandwell music service in Pope's Lane, said: "During my degree I did a concert where I raised over £500 for charity.

"I wanted to do something bigger to raise more money for charity."

If you would like to support Russell visit www.justgiving.com/Russell-Lock

Solicitors cashier's 10 years stealing

Pauline Sutcliffe – guilty

A CASHIER from Oldbury has admitted stealing an estimated £166,000 from the Black Country solicitors' firm where she worked.

Pauline Sutcliffe took the cash over a 10-year period but the firm has since gone into liquidation and there is "uncertainty" about the exact amount involved, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told on Monday.

The 58-year-old pleaded guilty to stealing £165,784 over 10 years up to December 31, 2010 from Stables and Co, which used to have offices in Rowley Regis, Stourbridge and Halesowen.

The business is now in the hands of the Solicitors Regulatory Authority.

The amount on the charge was based on her confessions but had not been independently verified because of the liquidation, the court heard.

True

The way she cooked the books to try to cover up the theft of cash paid into Stables by clients meant there was a danger of "double or even treble accounting," Mr Robert Cowley, defending, said.

"The money stolen was only ever cash handed over by clients and the only way that a true figure for the loss can be established is through the proper accounts of the firm that are now in the hands of the Solicitors Regulatory Authority. We do not accept that £165,000 is the amount involved. It could be considerably less."

It was agreed this could be amended if necessary.

Sutcliffe from Wolverhampton Street, Oldbury, who was of previous good character, was remanded on unconditional bail until her next court appearance.

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Month's overtime for ambulance staff

AMBULANCE staff in the West Midlands are clocking up nearly four weeks of overtime a year as demand on the emergency service grows.

The West Midlands service's 4,000 workers recorded a total of 554,705 hours in overtime last year – about 139 hours a year each.

The staff get paid one-and-a-half times their hourly rate for the overtime, equating to around £3 million a year. More than 90 per cent of the extra hours was shared between clinical workers including paramedics, and call centre operators.

The figures, obtained by a Freedom of Information Act request, showed that December and January was the busiest time for overtime.

Chief executive Anthony Marsh said the service faced an increase in call-outs compared with previous years. Over the festive period, the service was forced to cancel some training and non-essential meetings.

Help was also sought from St John Ambulance, employed on a commercial contract, to assist paramedics.

A spokesman said: "Overtime is a necessary part of working for an emergency service due to the unpredictable nature of the work. Around 21 per cent of the overtime was in the two busiest months of the year, December and January. The trust uses overtime to continue to provide a safe and efficient service."

A spokesman for Unison said: "The amount of overtime expected gets a mixed reception. Some are fed up, some people just see it as part of their job."

Police boss is defiant over hiring assistants

THE new West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner is to press ahead selecting three unelected assistants, despite objections from the board of councillors that oversees his role.

Bob Jones wants the three assistants at a cost of £22,500 a year each for just 10 days work a month, and a further three part-time executive members. It has emerged that the Police and Crime Panel, made up of 12 councillors from across the region and two independent members, has refused to support the plans.

by Shaun Jepson

But the new commissioner, who is three months into his £100,000-a-year role, said the panel had no power to veto his plans.

He said: "I've noted their views and given the opportunity, I could have explained why the system they were proposing would not have worked.

"The issues are not about not having support in my role. It is about how it is made up and the nature of it. I have advertised for the selection and shortlisted candidates and the selection is imminent."

Concerns

Crime panel chairman Councillor Darren Cooper had questioned the value for money of the new jobs.

Those selected will each cover two areas – Coventry and Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton or Dudley and Sandwell.

Yvonne Mosquito, the deputy police and crime commissioner who is paid £65,000 a year, will have responsibility for Birmingham. Councillor Cooper also raised concerns that some assistant police and crime commissioners may live outside of the districts they will be covering.

In a letter to the commissioner, Sandwell Council leader Councillor Cooper said: "There were genuine concerns about your appointments process for the assistant police and crime commissioners."

He concluded: "As a result of these concerns the panel agreed that, at this point, they would not take up your offer of involvement in the selection process nor as formal observers at board meetings."

Councillor Cooper also claimed the appointment of the three new assistant commissioner roles would reduce accessibility to the Police and Crime Commissioner – one thing the Government said creation of the elected roles would improve.

Mr Jones said the panel wanted each local authority leader to nominate someone for the roles he is advertising for, which would be more expensive to the taxpayer.

Spotlight put on drink dangers

SANDWELL people have the chance to find out if they are drinking harmful levels of alcohol at two advice roadshows. They aim to improve people's understanding of alcohol units and the health risk of regularly drinking more than the recommended limits. Sandwell Drug and Alcohol Partnership is holding the shows at Queen's Square Shopping Centre, West Bromwich, on February 27 from 9am to 5pm and at Sainsbury's, Oldbury, on March 6 from 10am to 1pm.

Tree of Light's charity boost

Members of So It Goes, from left, Kerry Halford, Brendan Hawthorn, Kenny Craig, Tipton Civic Society vice chairman Keith Hodgkins and chairman Ray Brothwood

A HOST of charities are benefiting from more than £5,000 which was raised by the people of Tipton.

The annual Tipton Tree of Light appeal saw hundreds of people buy a light, priced at £5 to go on the town's Christmas tree in memory of a loved one.

All the funds raised were this week presented to 10 charities at a celebration evening at St Martins and St Pauls in Owen Street.

Chairman of Tipton Civic Society, Ray Brothwood, said: "We raised slightly more money than last year, and the tree was surrounded by the names of loved ones. It is a very special tradition in Tipton, and an important part of the festive season."

Ten charities, including Birmingham Children's Hospital, Midland Air Ambulance, Sandwell Breast Cancer Care and the mayor's charities, were presented with £500 each.

Sandwell's mayor Keith Davies was due to be there along with musicians including So It Goes.

Custody suite is getting closer

PLANS for a new police custody suite which would house prisoners from across the Black Country have moved along a step.

West Midlands Police have drawn up plans for the facility, which, if approved, would be located in Oldbury.

The force wants to build the block, which will also include office space on vacant land at Bromford Lane, close to Sandwell and Dudley railway station.

If the proposals are approved, the building would be located on a 3.4 acre site with 60 cells, holding rooms, interview rooms, consultation rooms, evidence gathering rooms and offices.

Opinion

A formal planning application has not yet been submitted to Sandwell Council for the latest scheme.

However, police bosses have submitted a request for a screening opinion.

This application asks the council for an opinion on whether or not the development should be subject to environmental impact assessment.

And now planning officers at the council have said an assessment will not be needed before full plans are submitted.

Launch of new classes for adults

NEW adult education classes are launched at The Public in West Bromwich this week.

They for people looking to discover more about art and digital media and being held with Sandwell Adult and Family Learning Service.

On Saturdays from this week, a 10-week Art for Relaxation group will explore ways of creating art.

Each Wednesday for 10 weeks from February 27, the venue holds digital photography courses for beginners and intermediates.

The New Street centre will also be holding a six-week course called "eBay Made Easy", designed to give an insight into buying and selling through the internet platform.

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Cat-hunt man had a knife in pocket

A MAN found near his Oldbury home carrying a knife claimed to be looking for his cat, a judge was told.

A startled cyclist saw the weapon as he rode past 43-year-old Shane Bostock in the street and alerted police, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Officers found him talking on his mobile phone in Brookfields Road, with the handle of a 6in blade knife sticking out of a pocket.

Mr David Lees, prosecuting, said: "He appeared agitated and said he had been cooking when he realised that his cat had run off.

"He explained that he had come out of his home to look for the pet while still holding the knife he had been using in the kitchen."

His eyes were glazed and his speech appeared slurred after his arrest following the incident at around 6.45pm last August. He had been drinking and taking medicine for anxiety, Mr Lees added.

Phillip Bradley, defending, said: "He had been using the knife earlier when cooking but there is no suggestion that he took it to threaten people."

Bostock, of Brookfields Road, admitted illegal possessing a bladed article and was given a 12-month supervision order.

Lucky staff miss fall of rubble

RUBBLE from the roof of a Wednesbury town centre building crashed on to the pavement last week.

The building houses Co-operative Funeralcare at the junction of Spring Head and Riddings Lane, and the rubble is thought to have come down between 7am and 7.30am last Thursday.

When workers at the funeral directors arrived at around 9am they were shocked to see the rubble littering the street, and called both the owner of the building and the police.

The building, which dates back to the 1850s, was cordoned off while checks were carried out.

Wednesbury Councillor Elaine Costigan said: "We are very lucky no-one was hurt."

Golden grant to boost Bronze cricketers

Bronze Cricket Club

A CRICKET club that has coached sporting talent for more than 60 years has received almost £40,000 to secure its future.

The Bronze Cricket Club, on the border of Walsall and Sandwell, has received the much-needed cash from Olympic legacy funding.

For the past 30 years it has relied on the use of a 1960s diesel generator to create lighting in the clubhouse and the cash will help provide better lighting and heating.

The club in Chapel Lane has seen budding sportsman such as Walsall FC players Adam and James Chambers and Mal Benning try their hand with bat and ball before concentrating on football.

Bronze has been working with Western Power Distribution to provide a solution to the issue of no mains electricity and the funding of £38,239 has helped make it secure for the foreseeable future.

The money has come from Sport England's Inspired Facilities Fund.

It is part of the £135 million Places People Play legacy programme that is bringing the magic of a home Olympic and Paralympic Games into communities across the country.

Club chairman Bert Chambers, who has been associated with Bronze for more than 40 years, said: "This is a dream come true. The club has struggled to grow due to the lack of proper lighting and heating.

"This award will ensure Bronze CC can grow during the 21st century to become one of the town major cricket providers".

The cricket club started life as a 1950s work team for the managing director and senior staff members of Aluminium Bronze in Walsall.

In the 1990s, the club introduced a new junior section. It now has four junior teams competing in leagues and almost 100 junior members.

Meanwhile, Walsall Cricket Club is hoping to boost junior membership with plans for better changing rooms at its site in Gorway Road.

Couple prove that love can bridge a 40-year age gap

SIMON and Edna Martin are proving that a big age gap is no barrier when it comes to love.

Cynics said the marriage of Edna, 77, and Simon, 38, would not last.

But after seven years together, the couple are as happy as ever and they have just renewed their vows to prove it.

But Simon, who comes from Cradley Heath, and Edna, admit that their relationship still causes problems with some friends and family, including Simon's parents Eric and Gillian, who still live in Cradley Heath and who haven't spoken to the couple in some time.

"I'm quite happy to tell people where they can go if they think what we have done is wrong, because it means they have missed the whole point of why we are together – love has no barriers," said Edna, who was divorced from her husband of 37 years when she met Simon.

"There is someone out there for everyone. You don't need to look for that person. I was quite happy living on my own, but then I met Simon and it was love at first sight.

"Look at us now – sat on the settee together holding hands while we watch TV, we are very much in love.

Disabilities

"We are watching one of our favourite TV shows – Waiting for God, with Stephanie Cole, who I model myself on."

Edna had four children with her first husband, including a daughter called Wilma, who died aged 13 from Wilson's disease.

Edna and Simon's marriage in 2005 made national headlines because of the age difference. She was portrayed as a predatory granny, while Simon was depicted as a naive young man with learning difficulties.

Simon was a bit of a loner who had never had a girlfriend and still lived with his parents.

He suffers from dyslexia, dyspraxia and aspergers syndrome, a form of autism which makes social relationships and communication difficult, and has hearing, sight and kidney problems.

Edna said: "Both of us have disabilities. However, we understand each other's problems and learn to cope with them, which can be a challenge for anyone.

"It has been hard at times but we love each other, more than ever."

The pair, aged 76 and 38, have renewed their wedding vows

Simon and Edna on their wedding day in 2005

The couple so happy together on their honeymoon

The couple met in 2003 at an organ concert at the Odeon in Weston-super-Mare, the seaside town where they now live.

Edna said they have a wide circle of friends and have cinema and theatre events at their house, adding: "Simon can't add seven and four or tie a knot or a bow, but he can play the organ like a dream."

Edna said their love for organ music brought them together and they still enjoy listening to the old cinema tunes.

"When we met I was on my own and quite content, up to a point – but I have a need to love and care for someone. Simon satisfies that need in me.

"Neither of us are typical of our generation, our class or our upbringing, but we are the love of each other's lives."

Young-at-heart Edna says when she was a young girl she pretended to be a boy so she could get on to a mechanical engineering course at a college.

"Simon is good on advising people how to make and mend things and they are always calling him up for advice," she says.

"We are a good team because I like to maintain the organs and look after them and Simon is excellent at playing them.

"He is very naughty, sexy and funny – my life has been amazing since I met him."

Simon regrets that his parents don't understand the relationship.

He says: "They have made efforts – they even let us stay in their caravan in Cornwall as a honeymoon." He adds: "We just work on a day-to-day basis and don't worry about the future as it takes up the valuable time we have together now."

NEWS in brief

Arsonists target wheelie bins

FIREFIGHTERS were called out to a spate of early-morning wheelie bin fires in Wednesbury and West Bromwich. Arsonists targeted streets between 1am and 4am on Monday.

In West Bromwich Hall Green Road, Rydding Lane, Great Gable Road, Scafell Way and Wiltshire Way were hit, while in Wednesbury, arsonists struck at Tame Crossing.

Watch commander Mick Goode, from Wednesbury fire station, said: "Household wheelie bins left out for collection were targeted as well as a couple of steel bins."

New market is boosting trade

A NEW market in Wednesbury is boosting existing businesses by drawing dozens of people to the town, a councillor said.

The market in Union Street, which has around 40 stalls, was launched last Thursday. Markets are already held in the town centre on other days of the week but this is the first time a regular weekly event has been held.

Wednesbury councillor Elaine Costigan said: "It's been fantastic. It's bringing business into the town." It operates between 9am and 4pm

Photographing the poverty gap

AN exhibition depicting the poverty gap in Britain will go on display at The Public, West Bromwich, on February 27.

The A41 Project is a collection of photographs taken by artist Colin McPherson as he travelled through the West Midlands, in some of the wealthiest and most deprived areas of England.

The exhibition is supported by campaigning organisation The Equality Trust and funded by Arts Council England.

Main closes road

A STREET in West Bromwich was closed to repair a burst water main. The work started on Monday at Barton Street and traffic was diverted on the eastern side of the closure via Moor Street, Bowater Street and Oak Road and on the western side via Oak Road, Cambridge Street and Bromford Lane.

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YOU are what you eat. I had a beef pie on Tuesday and I've been a little hoarse ever since.

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YES, I know there's a lot of it about. Throat full of razor blades, head full of snot and your voice suddenly dropping an octave. For men, there is one advantage of this chesty winter malady. At last we can all do a good impression of Lee Marvin's basso-profundo hit from Paint Your Wagon. All together now: I was born under a wandrin' star.

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THE wrong sort of snow brought down an oak tree which in turn brought down all the phone lines in our neighbourhood. As I reported earlier, BT said on Monday it would be fixed in 48 hours. Fat chance. The engineer tells me it could have been sorted earlier but he had to wait for the man who decides whether telegraph poles are safe to climb. No surprises there, then.

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TRYING to get our calls diverted was enough to make you tear your hair out. It involved the inevitable conversation with a call centre in India. When these call centres first opened I used to chat for ages with operators in Benares or Bangalore about where they were and where I was and how's the weather your end and who'd you fancy for the First Test? But over the years the fluent English speakers seem to have moved on. Call me paranoid but I suspect when I call up these days, the supervisor cups his hand over the phone and says to his team: "Rhodes on the line again. Anyone here not speak English?"

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SO FAREWELL, Pope Benedict. Purely by chance we were in Italy when he became Pope in 2005. As we flipped between CNN and BBC in our hotel room, there was some confusion about events in the Vatican. Had the right colour of smoke emerged from the chimney? Had the cardinals made their decision or were they still haggling? Yet while CNN and the BBC dithered, all the church bells in Riva del Garda began ringing. Somehow, the people knew they had a new Pope and the sound of those bells echoing joyously over Lake Garda is a memory to treasure.

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IN A week when we are thinking hard about the stuff we eat, my local off-licence is offering expert advice on choosing the right wines to go with your dinner menu. I am torn between Marelot and Chardonneigh.

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ONE of the most depressing reports this week is the news that Britain does not have enough skilled IT technicians to make the internet secure. Because our universities are turning out the wrong sort of graduates, using the worldwide web will become increasingly risky. But while we are short of cyber experts, we are knee deep in video-technique, leisure-planning and media-studies graduates who have no jobs, no hope and £40,000 of university debt.

At the heart of this imbalance of talent is the old snobbery among English academics for anything that involves using your hands or, heaven forbid, wearing a boiler suit. Wickedly misled by useless careers advisers, bright kids who could make a great living working with widgets waste three years of their lives faffing around with video cameras in the belief that they will be the next Matt Baker. Meanwhile, plumbers (if you can get one) charge £60 per hour.

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AND off to the nurse for the annual blood-pressure test and analysis of my latest blood sample. Everything seems boringly normal but I suspect 20 years from now we will look back on this ritual examination of our gore in much the way that today's doctors look back on leeches, bleeding cups, black bile and miasma. Medicine never stands still. Today's wisdom is tomorrow's folklore.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Call to give public more say over police priorities

THE new Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands met safety chiefs in Sandwell to talk about how to keep crime falling.

Bob Jones, who was elected role in November, encouraged the Safer Sandwell Partnership to look at how to involve the public and voluntary organisations more in future crime-fighting plans.

This would build on the existing annual "face the people" sessions and quarterly neighbourhood forum meetings, where people can tell the police and council about problems in their areas.

The partnership includes organisations such as the council, the police, the probation and fire services.

They say they are determined to bring the level of crime down and to improve the way the borough tackles anti-social behaviour and environmental problems such as litter, fly tipping and dog fouling.

Safer Sandwell Partnership Board chair John Garrett, who is also the council's deputy chief executive, said: "It was a pleasure to welcome Bob Jones to Sandwell and talk to him about our work, including the crime falls here in recent years.

"We were interested to hear what Bob had to say, particularly around his wish to see public and voluntary sector organisations having even greater involvement in setting our priorities.

"We agreed to look again at the membership of the Safer Sandwell Partnership and how we consult the public. We will look to build on the way we do things, to make sure we are focusing our efforts on the problems that matter most to people."

Vandal-hit building is facing the bulldozers

THE former Sandwell College campus in Smethwick will be flattened to stop it being targeted by thieves and vandals.

The Crocketts Lane campus of Sandwell College has been repeatedly attacked by vandals, thieves and been used by homeless people sleeping rough, according to a report.

Bosses at the college now want to demolish all but the Grade II listed block to make it attractive to developers, and to stop the anti-social behaviour.

It is thought the listed main block would become part of any further development.

Students at Sandwell College left their three separate bases in Sandwell to move into the state-of-the art £77 million building in Spon Lane in West Bromwich last year. College bosses are now in the process of disposing of the three sites.

Market

Sandwell Council plans to join forces with Sandwell College to market the listed college building along with the neighbouring cleared site of the former Crocketts Lane Primary school.

A report to the cabinet member for asset management Councillor Mahboob Hussain says: "The main block is grade II listed which has to be retained and form part of any development proposals. Two further buildings have been locally listed by the local planning authority and are deemed worthy of preservation."

The report adds: "The redevelopment of the modern buildings and restoration of the historic buildings for residential uses will provide new homes for the people of Sandwell."

The college is appointing Birmingham-based surveying firm Savills to dispose of the listed building.

Weeks ago, plans went on display for the redevelopment of another former college building in West Bromwich. That scheme will see the old Sandwell College building in High Street replaced by a modern development which could include apartments, shops and a hotel.

Helping hand from store boss Rita

Rita Dulay is asking for suggestions of charities and good causes to benefit from a cash scheme

BOSSES of a family-run convenience store are urging people to suggest charities and good causes to receive a cash boost.

Oldbury-based Global Plus operates a scheme that has already supported a number of groups. Every time customers buy a Heritage-branded product, a per centage goes into a kitty, which is then dished out to worthy beneficiaries in Sandwell.

Numerous groups have benefited from the scheme, including Brandhall Colts under-10s football team, which received £500 to buy a new kit, and Bleakhouse Library in Oldbury, which received £500.

Rita Dulay, who has run the shop in George Road for the past 12 years, wants customers to come forward with their suggestions. She said: "If there is anyone who would like to put forward a local good cause or charity that needs some support, we would be keen to hear from them. We're trying to avoid giving it to the big charities – we're more interested in hearing about the smaller groups that find it harder to get support.

"We feel we can make a real difference in the area. I want to thank the customers because they are supporting this scheme and making a difference locally.

"It's thanks to them we have been able to raise so much so far."

To make a suggestion, call 0121 422 0100.

Volunteers needed for appeals on schools

VOLUNTEERS are needed to hear education appeals in Sandwell.

The volunteers will hear appeals on admissions and exclusions from schools.

They need to be impartial and objective, and able look at appeals from both sides.

No previous experience or formal qualifications are needed as they will be trained.

Cabinet member for children and families Councillor Bob Badham said: "This is a vital service and people who volunteer can feel they are playing a major role in the provision of a first-class education system in Sandwell."

It is a voluntary role, but travel and subsistence allowances will be provided.

The council is looking for people who have some spare time and are interested in education.

The authority is looking for people who have no personal experience in the management or provision of education, and also people who do have experience, such as retired teachers or head teachers.

Anyone interested can contact Andrea Cowley at the Democratic Services Unit at Sandwell Council House, PO Box 2374, Freeth Street, Oldbury, B69 3DE, or call 0121 569 3171.

Ex-housing chief gets council job

THE former director of housing services at Sandwell Homes, has been appointed director of neighbourhood services within the borough council.

Adrian Scarrott will be leading a new directorate created after the council took over responsibilities for housing.

Mr Scarrott was director of housing services at Sandwell Homes before it was taken back into the council on January 1.

He will be responsible for housing services, town and neighbourhood working.

He has also taken over responsibility for libraries and museums, arts and heritage, working with the voluntary sector and aspects of leisure.

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Outdoor centre's reunion date set

FORMER Sandwell pupils who went on residential stays to the council-run Plas Gwynant Outdoor Education Centre in Snowdonia, Wales, will meet again to mark the 55th anniversary of the centre opening.

The reunion in April will be the third, and it is taking place because of popular demand.

A full programme of activities has been arranged for the event.

Sandwell Cabinet member for children and families Councillor Bob Badham said: "This shows the value of the centre in that it has had such an impact on the lives of so many people who went there from Sandwell."

Dan Jackson, senior tutor at the centre, who organised last year's event, said: "The centre has provided generations of Sandwell people with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the outdoor environment.

"It enabled them to get wet, get muddy, mentally and physically tired, and learn lessons for life. They all agreed that their time at Plas Gwynant was life changing."

The reunion is on April 26, 27 and 28, and costs £125.

For details, call the centre on 01766 890212 and ask for Debbie Hughes.

A night of drinks led to death

A MAN died at a pub after suffering bleeding around the brain and a fracture to his skull, an inquest heard.

Kashmir Singh Gosal, aged 36, had "slumped" after a night of heavy drinking at the Bull's Head, Birmingham Street, Oldbury, on November 26, 2011.

Smethwick Coroner's Court was told that staff put him on a couch to "sleep it off". But he was found dead the next morning.

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain heard Mr Gosal, of Century Road, Oldbury, had suffered a fracture along the skull. He had extensive bleeding around the brain which experts said was most likely the result of a fall contributed to by alcoholic intoxication.

Mr Balmain adjourned the inquest so a witness who failed to turn up could be located.

Taxi drivers have their licences revoked

DOZENS of taxi drivers had their licences revoked or suspended in Sandwell last year following motoring offences or convictions.

More than 30 drivers were brought before Sandwell Council licensing bosses in the 12 months starting from January 2012, while a further 18 licence applications were refused.

In total in the borough, there were 28 licences suspended, with 15 due to DVLA convictions, while one driver's licence was suspended for plying for trade.

A further seven were revoked – three for a breach of conditions and two due to pending court cases. Taxi bosses have insisted that most drivers in the area are operating correctly and within the law.

Onkar Basra, of the Sandwell Taxi Association, said: "I would say that the majority of drivers are working within the law. I am not aware of any drivers where anything has happened. "

"We have to inform the council of convictions and then they put it to the committee and the committee decides what to do. I think the committee are fair on the whole."

In Walsall last year more than 40 drivers were brought before Walsall Council licensing bosses. There were 11 licences removed with reasons ranging from drink driving convictions, plying for hire and having no insurance, and points under the totting-up procedure.

Cautions

There were seven licences suspended which included the accumulation of points, failing to set the meter and also illegally plying for business.

Scores of others were issued with cautions by councillors on the committee.

In Walsall last year a taxi driver who refused to carry a blind woman because of her guide dog, was hit with a court bill of more than £1,500. Matloob Hussain had travelled to pick up Kelly Ann Roberts from her home in Walsall Wood as she was due to go to Manor Hospital with her mother.

The driver refused to accept black Labrador cross Roxy in the vehicle.

In other checks, a joint operation was carried out by the council, police and the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency last summer. The owners of six limousines used by children on prom nights were issued with prohibition notices over mechanical defects.

Olympics fans go for gold at auction of memorabilia

COLLECTORS flocked to get their hands on memorabilia from the London Olympics at an auction in Wednesbury.

From a gigantic model piano played by Gary Barlow to a steam iron that was used in the Olympic village – hundreds of collectable and quirky items were on offer.

BCF Furniture Outlet's 66,000sq ft warehouse, in Bull Lane, Wednesbury, was packed out las week as people arrived to put in their bids for the treasures on offer.

And the most interest was reserved for the memorabilia sale where props used by Take That during the games' lavish closing ceremony were up for grabs.

The lots were bought by businessmen Phil Nicholls and Kevin Scott, both of Wolverhampton, who said they wanted to ensure the items stayed in the UK.

Mr Scott, a film industry specialist, said: "It is surprising how many of these items may have ended up overseas such as in the United States.

"We wanted to make sure they remained in the UK. The games took place in London and it was a once-in-a-lifetime event. These items are now a part of our heritage.

"They will be staying in the UK and staying in the Black Country."

Delighted

His business partner Mr Nicholls, a property developer from Bilston, said his wife Debbie and daughter Phoebe were massive Take That fans and would be delighted with the purchases.

"Our main aim was to get the keyboard which Gary Barlow played during the ceremony. However, we decided to invest in some of the other items as well."

The keyboard sold for just short of a four figure sum.

Alongside the keyboard the business partners purchased large pocket watch props and two drums used by Take That not only at the Olympics but also during their 2011 Progress Tour.

They also bought a model grandfather clock, a copper jug in the style of Alice in Wonderland and a kettle drum that were all used in the closing ceremony.

The businessmen were not the only ones to pick up a slice of Olympic history at the auction. Grandfather-of-three James May, of West Bromwich, was the first person to bid for any of the lots – a steam iron from the Olympic Village which he bought for £4.

Phil Nicholls bought a model piano used by Take That's Gary Barlow

James May with a London 2012 banner he bought

Olympics fans at the auction in Wednesbury

Mr May, aged 69, of Marsh Lane, also picked up hard hat emblazoned with the Olympic logo for £2 and a pack containing posters and other memorabilia for £1.

But he was most pleased to get his hands on a London 2012 banner after successfully putting in a £2 bid for the item.

He said: "My grandchildren asked me to come along and get some items as they were unable to get here themselves. They especially wanted the banner so I am pleased that lot came along and I was successful."

Other items of memorabilia, including a selection of banners used during the Suffragette segment of the opening ceremony, did not sell yesterday and were due to go under the hammer again today.

Some bunting and flags used during the sporting event were also held over to go back for sale.

More than 70 lorries were needed to transfer all the items, a combined total of 3,000 lots, to the warehouse in Wednesbury.

A lot of interest was generated in equipment from the games with desk fans and safes, used by athletes to protect their personal possessions, selling well.

The safes sold for between £12 and £30.

The sale was organised by BCF Furniture Outlet, which is run by 59-year-old businessman Jim Cassidy, of Bloxwich.

Mr Cassidy purchased the items to go up for auction after being contacted by a friend.

Auctions will be held again next week, on February 27 and 28.

NEWS in brief

Business brains bring success

STUDENTS from George Salter Academy, West Bromwich, have proved they have the brains for business when they took part in the Black Country Challenge final.

They won both the Sandwell heat and the final of the competition which involved battling head-to-head with other schools in a high intensity enterprise challenge.

Their business strategy for the redevelopment of West Bromwich's market place was the unanimous winner of the heat. In the final the students were put under the same intense pressure to win.

Aiden's artwork to go on display

A YOUNGSTER from Tividale has created a piece of artwork for an exhibition at Birmingham Children's Hospital. Aiden Bourne, aged three, painted a colourful circus-themed canvas featuring a clown and trapeze artist.

It is one of 150 pieces of artwork created by the hospital's patients as part of its 150th birthday celebrations.

They were asked to paint what they thought could make the hospital better.

Coffee mornings dates for carers

COFFEE mornings for unpaid family carers in Sandwell will take place over the coming weeks.

The Cares' Carer Support Project events will be at Tipton Library, on Friday; Hamstead Library on March 4; Rounds Green Library, , Rowley Regis on March 6 and Central Library, West Bromwich on March 13.

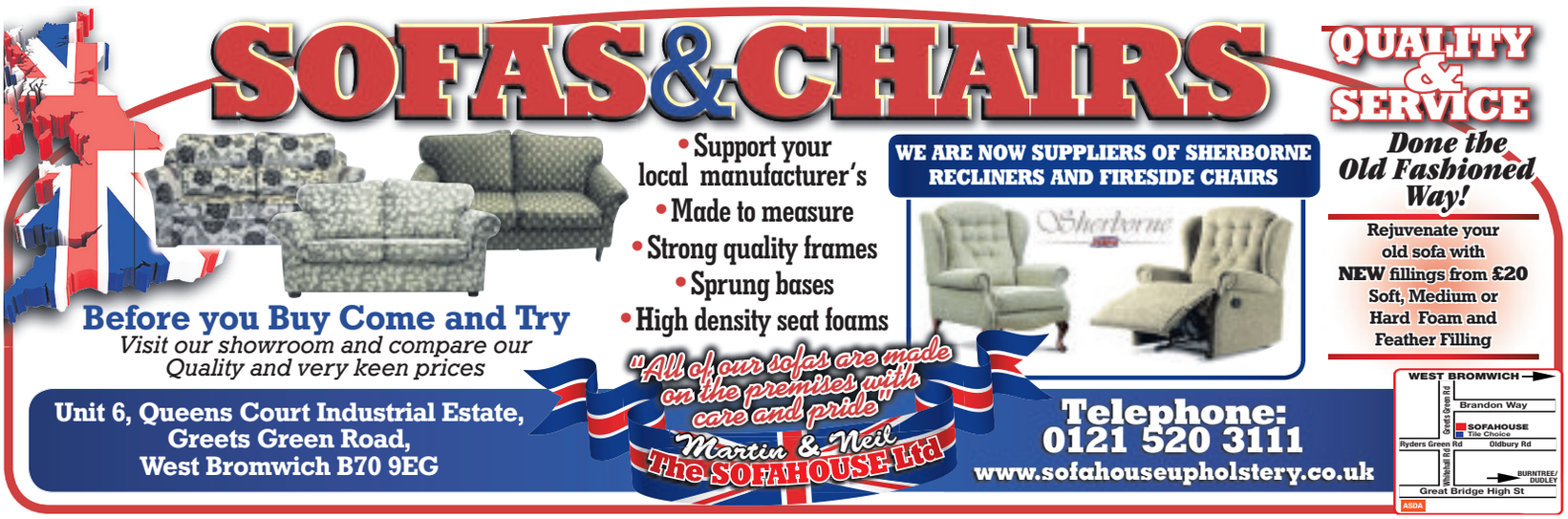
Drug-crackdown police raid shops

POLICE have targeted hydroponics shops in in Wednesbury, Blackheath and Walsall in a series of raids to tackle drug crime over the past fortnight.

They seized £45,000 in cash as well as three kilos of cannabis worth in the region of £20,000 together with drug paraphernalia. Eleven people have been arrested and bailed.

Collision man hurt

A MAN was taken to hospital after being hit by a car in West Bromwich. Paramedics were called to Europa Avenue, near the Park Inn by Radisson hotel, last Wednesday.



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Fire service wants tower inferno for its training

A 50ft tower, which will be used to train firefighters from across the country in tackling fires in high-rise blocks, will be built in Sandwell under new plans.

by Lisa Wright

West Midlands Fire Service wants to put up the six-storey building, which would be used to simulate fires in tower blocks, including flats, at the site of Oldbury Fire Station, close to junction two of the M5.

The training facility would the first of its kind in the UK and it would also be used by fire services across Europe if plans are approved.

Fire service bosses said the training tower was needed to address a deficiency which has been picked up in current firefighter training.

Challenging

Constructed of metal cabins, the tower would be set on fire up to a maximum of three times a day, seven days a week.

Each burn would last around an hour.

Planning documents submitted by Rob Duncan Planning Consultancy state: "A weakness in current firefighter training has been identified and the proposed development will address these issues."

Group commander Nigel Sowden, head of operational training support at West Midlands Fire Service, said: "A fire in a high-rise building is one of the most challenging blazes a firefighter can face."

He said such a blaze was often fanned by the wind, and that made the conditions extremely unpredictable for firefighters trying to tackle it.

Mr Sowden added: "The six-storey training facility gives us the opportunity to simulate those sort of conditions."

Pupils beat the drum for Indian culture

Parent Rani Johal, son Pavandeep Johal, far left, James Williams and Amiee Lobodzic enjoy a drumming session during the Inspire Day

PARENTS got the chance to experience Indian culture and cuisine when they joined their children for lessons at school. Staff at Springfield Primary School, in Rowley Regis, staged the Inspire Day event for youngsters in year six.

Parents were invited to join their children for activities and got to try their hand at drumming and Bollywood-style dancing. They helped youngsters make traditional crafts from clay. Parents and their children were later treated to an Indian meal.

Staff at the school, in Dudley Road, said the days provided parents with the chance to get more involved in their children's learning.

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NEWS

Choir find their voices for competition

Musical director Deborah Watson putting the choir through their paces in a rehearsal for the big day at the NEC

SINGERS in Sandwell are psyching themselves up for the regional heats of a national competition.

Members of Sol Choir in Langley, led by musical director Deborah Watson, impressed during the qualifying stages of the Teen Star event on January 26 and now they are preparing for the next round at the NEC in Birmingham in March.

If they do well, the 13 to 19-year-olds could progress to the national final where they will take on choirs from across the country. Ian Whitmore, who founded the choir in 2009 with his partner Deborah, said: "It's brilliant. It's a great opportunity to show what we can do."

Although the competition is only open to people under the age of 19, Sol Choir is open to anyone over the age of 10. For information call 07841 123600.

MP angry at online job ads

TENS of thousands of jobs, including many in the Dudley borough, are being advertised overseas, it has been revealed.

Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin is demanding an explanation after finding that 33,000 vacancies were being promoted online via the Europa Job Mobility website.

The jobs are uploaded to the website by Jobcentre Plus, which also advertises them locally.

Mr Austin said the scheme was a scandal at a time when scores of public sector jobs were being axed.

The website lists 41 health service jobs in the Black Country, including 21 posts in Dudley, three in Sandwell, nine in Wolverhampton and eight in Walsall.

In manufacturing, nine jobs are offered in Dudley, six in Wolverhampton and five in Walsall. There are 26 jobs in sales and marketing offered on the Europa website, 18 of them in Wolverhampton.

A motor vehicle practitioner instructor in Staffordshire on a salary of up to £23,382 is being advertised.

Teaching posts account for a large proportion of the 33,911 jobs advertised in the West Midlands.

Around 74 of them have been advertised in the Black Country, including 20 at schools and colleges in Dudley borough.

In Wolverhampton, which has one of the highest youth unemployment rates in the country, a vacancy has been posted for a job as a trainee chef at an unnamed city hotel. The job pays £104 a week with training provided.

There were 2,301 jobs for teaching professionals in the West Midlands advertised.

Mr Austin has called on the Government to explain why it is promoting public sector jobs abroad while sacking public sector workers at home.

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NEWS

Appeal for councillors to fight off library cuts

COUNCILLORS have been urged to rethink deeper cuts to library services in Sandwell. A user group is calling on them to rethink savings of £300,000 in the next financial year.

by Lisa Wright

The council must save £100m by 2017 and wants £300,000 off its library budget in 2013/14.

Sandwell Federation of Library Friends and User Groups wants members to reduce cuts to a service which has lost almost £880,000 in the past two years.

Group chairman Fred Barnfield said: "Libraries in Sandwell have been leaders in the campaign to reduce the impact of austerity on our borough's residents.

"Staff and volunteers have taken to heart key council targets aimed at helping those people most in need.

"In the past few years the service has been forced to cope with savage budget cuts. Libraries have survived because our excellent staff have worked even harder and increased flexibility.

"Along the way, a crippling 29 per cent of their jobs have gone. Nowadays visitors regularly ask why there are so few staff.

"Library opening hours were cut last year and it may well get worse this year.

"Now we are being told that we must cut another £300,000 from our budget in the next financial year. That is on top of almost £888,000 over the past two years. This is a tipping point for Sandwell's library service."

He is calling on members to vote against any proposed cuts to library services and said: "It is not a big sum in the context of the council's overall spending. I hope you agree that it is money well spent and decide to support libraries.

"If the council goes ahead with this budget reduction it will lead to further serious cuts in library hours, even fewer library staff – and the decline of a well loved and much needed service."

Volunteers help give museum new look

Sheena Churchill, front left, Laethian McCalla and James Rogers with back, from left, Sharron Wise, Kulli Khossa, Gordon Ratheram, John Bonser and Lauren Hughes

VOLUNTEERS have been sprucing up Smethwick Heritage Centre ahead of its big reopening next month. It has been shut since December while bosses carry out maintenance work and make decisions about future exhibitions.

Six young volunteers from Juniper Training, based at The Waterfront, Brierley Hill, spent all day on Tuesday giving the scuffed walls a fresh lick of cream paint.

Volunteers co-ordinator Sharron Wise said: "The team that came have been fantastic. They have freshened the whole place up and made it look brighter. Their effort and enthusiasm was brilliant."

Museum bosses have organised a day of activities for when the High Street venue reopens on March 6. It will run from 10.30am until 3pm and there will be a bring and buy sale as well as a film showing and a photograph exhibition featuring the canals of Smethwick.

Ms Wise added: "It is an opportunity for anyone with an interest in Smethwick and its people to meet up for coffee and a chat, take a look around the museum and find out about the events that will be taking place."

There will also be a museum roadshow at the council house in High Street, Smethwick on March 16.

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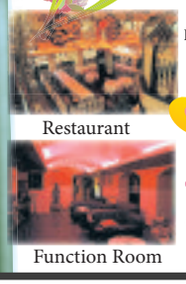
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Man gets 10 years for killing his girlfriend

FORMER student Daniel Jones has started a 10-year jail sentence after admitting the manslaughter of 22-year-old Da In Lee.

At Wolverhampton Crown Court last week, Judge John Wait said Jones represented a "substantial risk".

He ordered Jones, 27, of Grace Road, Tipton, to remain under supervision for a further five years after imprisonment.

A jury found Jones not guilty of murdering Miss Lee but accepted his manslaughter admission.

Gordon Aspdon, prosecuting, said: "This has had a devastating effect on Da In Lee's family. Her mother and father travelled from Korea to identify her body."

Miss Lee's sister planned to study in England but now would not.

Frightened

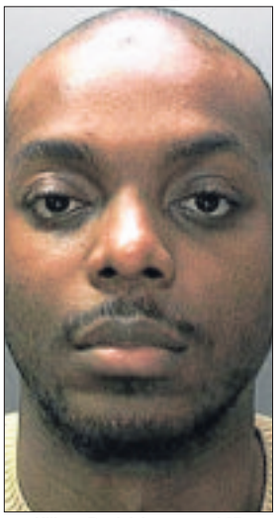
The death followed a row over Miss Lee's hair blocking the bath plug hole at the Tipton flat on April 8, last year.

It ended in Jones straddling Miss Lee on the floor while applying pressure to her windpipe with one hand and covering her mouth with the other.

Jones made no attempt to help Miss Lee after she stopped breathing and after her death tried to book airline tickets to New York.

Jones had assaulted Miss Lee earlier which had left her frightened and seeking to end their relationship.

Judge John Wait said: "I accept you did not intend to cause her death or permanent injury but this was an intentional assault to demonstrate your control over her."



Killer – Daniel Jones aged 27

Victim – 22-year-old Da In Lee

Theatre's date for reopening

THE Birmingham Repertory Theatre will reopen on September 3, it has been revealed.

The venue will be back at its Broad Street home after a two-and-a half-year closure for a refurbishment including a new 300-seat studio theatre – created through the partnership with the new Library of Birmingham – as well as the restoration of its original façade, plus improved public and backstage facilities.

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LETTERS

Requests for action being ignored

DARLASTON'S famous "Bullstake", King Street, has been reduced to an eyesore and local laughing stock.

Leading up to the festive season local people were widely commenting on the weed-filled and neglected raised beds. The dead tree, which is the town's Christmas tree, looked as if it had been supplied from a skip.

Despite Walsall Council and the town centre management team knowing about people's dissatisfaction through contacts and local papers, nothing has changed.

The local area partnership has offered to pay for a replacement Christmas tree.

However, a project to improve Victoria Park during 2013 is being used as an excuse to delay any action.

It appears that local bureaucrats would rather ignore local people's requests for action and offers of financial support to continue with their own plans for some far-off day, sometime, whenever!

This disregard of local people's concerns is commonplace. We have a surfeit of committees and administrators but, however well intentioned, when do we see action?

If you were walking in King Street would you prefer healthy, attractive flourishing trees and litter-free landscaping that enhances our historic sites, or would you like the current eyesore?

Darlaston deserves better. This is not acceptable.

Councillor Doug James,
Horton Street,
Wednesbury.

Marriage should be for gays as well

REGARDING gay marriage getting through the House of Commons.

What right has anyone to say that if you happen to be gay you should be treated as a social outcast and not given the same rights as a husband and wife?

To argue that same sex couples would bring up children any worse than a mother and father is also wrong.

There are different sex couples who make terrible parents.

As far as I am concerned, if two consenting male of female adults want to marry, then let them.

I think there are better things to get hot under the collar about than same sex couples wishing to marry.

Robert Parsons,
New Pool Road,
Cradley Heath.

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We have to pay the price for safe roads

I AM a member of a voluntary road safety organisation, and I have to seriously question the approach to Princess Way.

Google Streetview shows a narrow road where workers return home and park at night. Such parking would be relatively heavy in places, causing constant blindspots.

I cannot stomach 20mph zones that do little but condone dangerous parking. There is an alternative to ordinary humps or speed tables, the Dunlop Transcalm – an air hump which deflates allowing vehicles to travel over it at a safe speed, but which remains inflated for those that go too fast.

Normal speed humps only push the problems on to another road. I also ask local residents, as taxpayers, to question whether lumps of concrete and walking-pace speed limits are good value when we are paying £6 a gallon.

A safe road is what we all want, but the ones where safety is achieved with unhindered freedom for the motorist are usually the ones which have had some proper money spent.

Lee Williams,
Lechlade Road,
Great Barr.

Will parking message get through?

I SEE West Bromwich Building Society will have 280 free parking spaces at its new HQ. Just how long before other big players demand the same, lest they leave this fine borough?

Traders must be peeved at the cost of parking, especially when Walsall has a night market to get in extra punters. Maybe if a few relocated, the council might get the message.

Perhaps they will wake up when West Bromwich eventually dies the death.

Robert William White,
Tompstone Road,
Wigmore.

Royal privilege

I WAS fined at a pay and display car park when I went slightly over the time.

But King Richard III had been at a car park for 526 years without being fined at all.

Terry Nicklin,
Kingswinford Road,
Dudley.

NEWS

'Monday' burglar jailed for £28,500 pub raids

A MAN who stole £28,500 cash from three pubs in early morning raids is behind bars.

Glenn Cleaver always struck in the early hours of Mondays when the amount of cash held on the premises was at its highest before weekend takings could be banked, a judge heard.

The pubs were all locked up with nobody living on the premises overnight when the raids – staged to feed his drug and alcohol habit – took place, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told last week.

Cleaver, aged 46, scoured the pubs for the keys to the safe which was either emptied or carried away by him and at least one other man who has not been traced, said prosecutor Ian Speed.

Glenn Cleaver

The defendant targeted The Queslett in Queslett Road East, Great Barr, escaping with £10,500 cash on July 30 last year. A raid on September 17 at The Dog in Hagley Road West, Warley, netted Cleaver £10,000.

Seven days later the safe containing £8,000 was stolen from the Man In The Moon at Kings Norton in Birmingham.

Cleaver was recognised from CCTV footage and arrested on November 5, the court heard. He was already the subject of a 12-month sentence suspended for two years in 2011 for going equipped for burglary.

Cleaver, of Laburnum Road, Tipton admitted the burglary of the three pubs and was sent to prison for three years and four months.

Film gives youngsters a voice

Youngsters who helped make Your Voice at the screening of the film with young firefighter instructor Jordan Ellis, and director David King

A DOCUMENTARY about issues in West Bromwich featuring interviews with residents has been created by Sandwell youngsters.

The 30-minute film, called Your Voice, was produced by the U Choose Youth Project and also includes contributions from young firefighters, police, councillors and business leaders.

A number of residents were interviewed including Stuart Mowat, who said the number of youngsters in the area had increased over 20 years, and Jill Perry, a congregation member of West Bromwich Baptist Church, who said it was a "good, pleasant area".

Sandwell Mayor Keith Davies attended a special screening of the film last week.

It was directed by Bearwood resident David King, a freelance film maker and youth worker who has previously worked on major projects such as the movie 28 Days Later.

He said: "The main thing to come out of the film is the way West Bromwich has changed over the years. We hear, for instance, how the number of dance halls has reduced."

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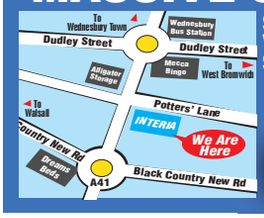

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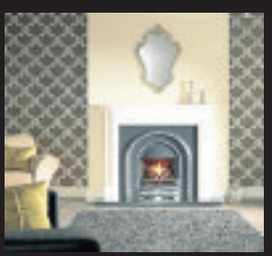

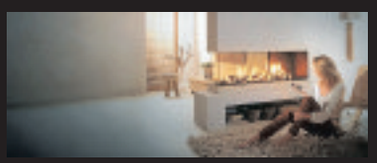

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Mary Hewitt centre pictured with colleagues in front of pile of Tizer crates

Mary, front right, Gwen Timmins (nee Wilkes) back right, Dora Tilley (nee Vincent) back left

Pearl Goode's mother, Mary Hewitt, who started work at Tizer in 1950

Mary Hewitt front left, and Gwen Timmins, front right, with two colleagues

Dora Tilley centre, and Pearl Goode's uncle, Jack Vincent, right, and a colleague

Workers inside the Tizer factory in Wednedbury

Fizzing fun for Tizer's one big happy family

by Mark Andrews

IT could be a cold job, working at the Tizer factory in Wednesbury, recalls Pearl Goode.

"To stop the tops from flying off, you had to dip the bottles of Tizer into a bowl of warm water while you put the cap on," she recalls.

"In the cold weather we used to hold our hands down in the bottle for a bit to keep warm."

But while it might have got a bit parky in the winter, 70-year-old Pearl recalls it as one of the happiest times of her life.

"We were like on big happy family," she says.

Indeed family was very much the operative word for Pearl, who went to work at the plant around 1960.

Her mother, her sister, her cousin – around a dozen of her relatives worked at the factory in Friar Park Road, and she says there used to be a real bond.

"It was the same throughout, there were lots of families who all worked together," says Pearl, who operated the machines on the production lines.

"I think my mum Mary Wilkes started work there about 1950, and my cousin June Newell was also working there when I joined.

"My uncle Jack Vincent, he was a driver, then there was another cousin, Geoffrey Tilly."

Pearl recently discovered these photographs while searching through some family belongings. Thought to have been taken during the 1950s and 1960s, they show a happy, contented workforce.

"They went on a few coach trips, and they went to dances at the Stewponey Hotel, near Kinver, when they wanted a weekend away.

"There was a great mix of people, and we all got on well. There were youngsters like me, but there were also a lot of older people," says Pearl, who lives in Freeman Road. She isn't in any of the photographs, but her mother, cousin and several other family members are.

Her son Rob Goode is hoping that other people will get in touch.

Tizer was founded in 1924 by Fred Pickup, of Manchester, and was originally known as Pickup's Appetizer.

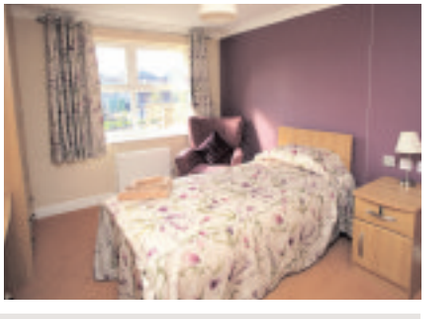
As its popularity grew, the name was abbreviated to the snappier Tizer, and a number of plants began to spring up across the UK, including the one at Wednesbury.

In 1972 the company was taken over Scottish soft drinks giant A G Barr. Production ceased at Friar Park years ago, but there is still a sales operation on the site.

Pearl says while she loved her time at the plant, she could not imagine many of today's youngsters would want to work in such an environment.

"It was hard work, and the pay wasn't great, but we had fun."

Cheers – former worker Pearl Goode, aged 70, with her son Rob



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Passenger badly hurt as car hits parked vehicles

SHOCKED residents opened their front doors to a "scene of horror" after a car ploughed into a row of parked vehicles before coming to rest in the road.

People in Park Road, Wednesbury, described how they ran outside after hearing a loud smash outside their homes at around 11.40pm on Monday.

A Fiat Punto has lost control along the road and collided with parked vehicles. A passenger in the car, a man in his 20s, suffered a serious head injury.

Residents said the impact of the smash had been enough to send the cars hurtling backwards into those parked directly behind.

Some of the vehicles have been written-off while others are facing repair bills of hundreds of pounds.

Resident Emma Pash, a 26-year-old dance instructor, rushed out to see if she could help the three men trapped in the car following the smash.

She and other residents kept a passenger in the back of the car calm and talking while they waited for firefighters and ambulance to arrive.

"He was in a bad way and very distressed but he was talking," she said.

"We just spoke to him and did our best to make sure he was okay until help arrived. All we hope is that all of the men in the car are okay."

She said her Mini had suffered some damage to the rear and she was waitng to take it to a garage for a check. Keith Nelson, 63, said his work's van, Renault Kangoo, has suffered extensive damage to the front and he expected it to be a write off.

"It was absolute chaos following the crash. It looks like the car ploughed into one of the cars at first and ricocheted back into the road," he said.

"The impact then knocked all of the other cars back into each other. My van is badly damaged and I have been told the car parked in front of that was a write-off. I should imagine the van would be the same. It was a very serious smash."

He said residents had not yet been told the cause of the collision.

Fire crews had to cut the roof off the vehicle to free the men. The passenger with head injury was taken to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

The driver suffered a cut to his hand and bruises and was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital. Another passenger was not injured.

One of the cars badly damaged after a Fiat Punto crashed in Wednesbury

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NEWS

Search for owner after dog rescued from canal

Head nurse Denise Talo with Angel at the PDSA vet centre after being rescued from a canal in Tipton

AN ADVENTUROUS pooch was saved by firefighters after she fell into a canal lock in Titpon.

The Staffordshire bull terrier, who has now been named Angel, got into difficulty when she fell into the lock on a stretch of Dudley Canal near Factory Road.

Fortunately she was spotted by a member of the public who called the fire service.

With no owner in sight and snow starting to fall heavily, fire crews from Dudley and Cradley Heath were dispatched to the rescue on Wednesday of last week.

When they arrived, the little dog was struggling desperately and was stuck between the locks in the water so fire fighters decided to call out one of their specialist water rescue teams, which are based at Wednesbury and Beacon Hill in Birmingham.

The team was able to use specialist cutting equipment to free the dog.

After a rescue process of just under an hour, the dog, described by a fire service spokesman as "in shock but otherwise just very cold and very wet", was handed to the representative of an animal charity, the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals.

She was taken to their branch at Quinton and the charity is now appealing for help to track down his owner.

Spokesman Emily Malcolm said the dog is brindle and white, adding: "The veterinary staff at Quinton PDSA PetAid hospital are providing emergency care for the dog, who was said to be in shock and very cold, but is currently doing well."

She encouraged the dog's owner to get in contact by phoning 0121 422 2902.

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NEWS

Brawlers in drunk fight spared from prison terms

THREE men who were involved in a drunken brawl outside a West Bromwich pub, which left a young woman lying in the middle of the street have been spared a jail sentence.

Judge John Wait told Jack Bryan, Dale Thompson and Lee Buttery "drunken violence" deserved a jail sentence, but because it was their first offence he decided they would instead be imprisoned in their own homes.

Mr Mark Phillips prosecuting, said the fight happened on October 14 on the junction of Christ Street and St Michael Street.

The group had been drinking in the Craic House.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard the brawl was between five men on the defendants' side and a Polish man and his girlfriend. CCTV footage was shown.

Mr Phillips said: "You can see the Polish gentleman headbutt one of the group from the defendant's side."

The CCTV showed the group retaliate and chase after the man and his girlfriend.

The fight spilled out into the middle of the road and Bryan, Thompson and Buttery can be seen attacking the couple on the floor.

Naomi Dunning

During interview all three admitted they had a part in the fight, and were shocked to see the CCTV footage.

They all pleaded guilty to affray. Judge Wait sentenced all three to a 12 month community order.

Thompson, aged 24, of Forsythia Close, Birmingham was ordered to complete 200 hours unpaid work and is subject to a four month curfew, Buttery, aged 25, of Shenstone Valley Road, Halesowen has to complete 180 hours unpaid work, and is subject to a three month curfew, and Bryan, aged 18, of Ambleside, Bartley Green has to complete 160 hours unpaid work and also has a three month curfew.

Dog fighting theory over tree damage

One of the damaged trees in Lightwoods Park

THIS picture shows how trees have been damaged by suspected fighting dogs in Smethwick. Bosses at Lightwoods Park have released the image in the hope it will encourage people to report anyone seen acting suspiciously.

It was revealed that a video camera will be installed and police and warden patrols are being stepped up at the beauty spot a bid to halt the problem.

More than 70 trees have had bark ripped from them, including 20 recently-planted saplings, which were found torn apart. It is understood owners are training dogs to fight by getting them to attack the trees to strengthen their jaws.

"This is becoming more and more of a concern," said Friends of Lightwoods Park chairman Richard Marshall. Some of these trees are very old. You can't replace them." Anyone with information can call police on 101.

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NEWS

£500k cannabis plants uncovered in police raid

UP to 1,000 cannabis plants with a street value of around £500,000 were today being seized by police on an industrial estate in West Bromwich.

The drugs were found at a former refrigeration warehouse in Queens Court Industrial Estate off Greets Green Road.

Police believe the factory was run by a Vietnamese gang and may have been raided by another criminal gang shortly before officers discovered it.

As well as hundreds of plants – each worth up to £500 – equipment to heat and water them was also discovered.

Police swooped on the premises after investigating reports of a burglary.

A 29-year-old man carrying a cannabis plant was arrested in Greets Green Road and a sniffer dog was used to trace his movements back to the factory.

Cannabis disposal team member Rick Stephens with some of the plants

Cuttings

The factory contained 10 rooms with evidence people had been living there including bedding, clothing, dirty pots and pans with half-eaten food and a Buddhist shrine.

Police described the operation as like a "conveyor belt of cannabis."

Mike Hall, West Midlands Police cannabis disposal team manager, said: "We have cuttings of female plants, we have plants that are nearly fully grown and plants that are at the flowering stage.

"We also have rooms filled with harvested plants. We expect the gang to have been here for a good few months.

"The plants have a 15-week growing cycle. The gang would have planned to have remained here undiscovered for as long as possible."

One person has been arrested over the cultivation of the class B drug.

The raid was 1.30am last Thursday.

Mr Hall said he believed the gang had already harvested hundreds of plants.

"The gang would have been living here 24 hours a day for a number of months and therefore there must be some forensic evidence of who they were," he said.

"They would have chosen this factory specifically both because of its location and because it was an old refrigeration building.

"It has polystyrene covered walls and concrete floors and ceilings that would have kept the heat inside. Clearly it was chosen with some care."

The factory contained dozens of 600 watt light bulbs plus dozens of plugs and wires powering a sophisticated ventilation system. It is believed the gang stole the electricity from National Grid.

Mr Hall said they were treating the discovery as serious organised crime. He said the cannabis growers would have effectively been slaves.

"Cannabis is a cash point for the criminal world," he said. "They would have used the cash from the drugs to fund criminal activity."

Christian Marsh, aged 39, who works for nearby car firm LAM said: "I did not realise anything was going on.

"We did not see anything suspicious. The first we knew was when we saw the police.

"I only thought it was a little operation. I was quite surprised to hear it was quite big. It's quiet down here and that unit is right at the end, tucked away. There are a lot of comings and goings so you would not really notice."

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Charity trekker Andy checks in

A PENSIONER visited Oldbury as part of a charity walk around the UK and Ireland to raise £100,000 for the Salvation Army.

Andy Peddle, aged 70, arrived at Oldbury Community Church, Merton Close as part of his 18-month-long fundraising bid.

He also travelled to West Bromwich Albion, the Salvation Army's charity shops in High Street, Rowley Regis, and Londonderry Lane, Oldbury, and Salvation Army bases in Dudley, Cradley Heath and Lye.

Last chance to meet chief

TIME is running out to apply for a one-on-one meeting with the new West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner in Oldbury.

Anyone wanting to arrange a 15-minute surgery with Bob Jones, to discuss topics of their choosing, has until Friday evening (February 22) to do so.

The meetings will be held at Sandwell Council House, in Freeth Street, between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. To book, call 0121 626 6060.

Advice on drink

AN ALCOHOL advice session will be held in Oldbury. It will take place at the Sainsbury's supermarket in Freeth Street on March 6, from 10am to 1pm. Concerned drinkers will be able to find out whether their consumption level is harmful. Alternatively, call Swanswell on 0845 112 0100.

Balloon release tribute at school for tragic Aidan, 15

Aidan's parents Terry Nisbett and Jaqueline Muir get ready for the balloon release along with his friends

BALLOONS were released outside an Oldbury school in tribute to a popular teenager who collapsed while playing football and later died.

Family and friends of 15-year-old Aidan Nisbett gathered outside Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy for the tribute.

They released 16 balloons into the air in honour of the teenager who would have celebrated his 16th birthday today (Thursday).

Members of Aidan's family, school staff and fellow pupils gathered outside the school in Lower City Road, at around 3.15pm for the ceremony on Friday.

All of the balloons also had 16 written on them to mark the occasion.

An inquest into Aidan's death earlier last week revealed the youngster had been suffering from an undiagnosed heart defect.

Aidan Nisbett – died at 15

Chances

One of the arteries went deep inside the muscles and had caused a "critical compression" leading to a reduction in oxygen.

The inquest was told the chances of diagnosing the condition before it was too late were slim as there were no symptoms to detect.

A verdict of death by natural causes was recorded.

Aidan's mother Jacqueline Muir said the balloon release was just one of the tributes planned for her son.

The family are also looking at having a bronze sculpture created in his memory.

School spokeswoman Elaine Edmunds said: "The event has been organised by Aidan's family and all of the pupils at the school were invited to attend.

"Both youngsters and staff wanted to pay tribute to Aidan."

Karen keeps on running for RSPCA

A RUNNER from Oldbury is using her dogged determination to run a marathon a month this year to raise money for the RSPCA.

Animal lover Karen Wilson, aged 34 , from Pottery Road, is hoping to raise more than £1,200 for the RSPCA's regional animal centre being constructed in Frankley by completing eight half marathons, three 20 kilometre runs and the Scotland Coast to Coast, a 105 mile event consisting of fell running, biking and canoeing.

She decided to raise the funds after adopting an elderly black and white cat called Polly from the charity after it had been hit by a car.

RSPCA community fundraiser Helen Tuite said "It is wonderful that Karen is going to such lengths to raise money for us."

You can support Karen via www.justgiving.com/Karens12in13

Resurfacing road delays

DRIVERS may face delays while road resurfacing work is being carried out on a dual carriageway in Oldbury.

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NEWS

Teacher returns to work after conviction quashed

A TIPTON teacher accused of a slamming a folder into the head of a child has returned to work after her appeal was upheld.

Drama teacher Vanessa Greening, with a career spanning 30 years, was found guilty of common assault in November but appealed in December and was cleared.

Alexandra High School, lifted a suspension, in force for the best part of a year, and let her to return to work.

Head Ian Binnie said Miss Greening had been phased back into work this month

"We have gone through the school disciplinary process and the outcome was she had been cleared of all allegations," he said.

"She had not done anything wrong. Therefore she has returned to the same job she was doing previously.

"Given the outcome of the appeal, the suspension has been lifted and she has been allowed to return for normal duties."

Parents of a 13-year-old pupil complained to teachers who then contacted the police.

Folder

At Sandwell Magistrates Court it was alleged she lost her temper as pupils saw another group perform last February.

Ms Greening, 49 at the time, and of Dunsford Road, Bearwood, hit the folder against the youngster's head as someone spoke. The court heard the boy was shocked but unhurt and told police "it didn't hurt".

Ms Greening denied allegations but was found guilty. Defence solicitor Miss Laura Culley said she did not accept the incident happened intentionally or otherwise.

Wolverhampton Crown Court confirmed her conviction was quashed after an appeal on December 21.

Sandwell school boss Councillor Bob Badham said schools had to handle allegations very carefully.

"In this case the teacher has been completely cleared and the procedure has run it's natural course," he said.

Nature plan hits problems

Hydes Road Pool nature reserve plan faces "a number of obstacles"

PLANS to turn a Sandwell beauty spot into a nature reserve are facing "a number of obstacles" including securing cash needed for the project, it has been revealed.

Sandwell Council wants a formal nature reserve for Hydes Road Pool, Wednesbury, to open up further opportunities for community use and ways of protecting the site.

But a councillor said there were difficult obstacles which would have to be worked out before any real progress could be made.

Councillor Geoffrey Lewis said sources of funding still needed to be found and secured to help get the project off the ground.

And he said protecting the pool from anti-social behaviour over the summer months was still a key concern which had to be addressed.

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NEWS

Opening of nursery will create 16 jobs

Entertainer Ron Popple, of Tipton, with Unicorn Nursery owner Louise Willmore and Lydia Willmore, of West Bromwich

A NURSERY is opening in a former Tipton Jobcentre – creating 16 jobs. The Unicorn Nursery on High Street, Princes End, officially opens on February 25 but parents and children were given a sneak preview on Saturday.

It can cater for up to 46 children aged from six weeks to five years of age. The chain already runs a nursery in Shelsley Avenue, Oldbury.

Owner Mrs Louise Willmore said: "This is a really deprived area financially so the council are thrilled that we are here. Hopefully we are going to regenerate Princes End and be part of the community." On Saturday visitors got the chance to tour the facilities, as well as enjoy a buffet.

Ronnie Crackers, the balloon man, – Ron Popple, of Tipton – kept some of the younger visitors entertained.

Mrs Willmore added that parents will also be able to take advantage of free care. "They can have 12 free hours straight away because we are a recognised childcare provider for any child over two," she added.

For more information about the nursery people should telephone 0121 557 0011.

Labour councillor quits

A COUNCILLOR has quit Sandwell's Labour group amid allegations she abused her position to get a factory boss to buy her a new car.

Councillor Jayne Wilkinson said two anonymous allegations had been made to the authority's monitoring officer.

She said one was she persuaded bosses at Alcohols Ltd to replace her vehicle after it was damaged when the firm went up in flames in November.

The second, she said, was she started a petition to get part of the factory closed but abandoned it once she had a new car. But the 44-year-old mother-of-one, who took the Tividale seat from the BNP in 2010, denies any wrongdoing. She said she has only acted in the capacity of an affected resident – not as a councillor. She admitted transferring ownership of her old Chevrolet Spark to Alcohol Ltd but said this was on the advice of the firm's own loss adjusters.

She bought her replacement car herself on finance.

Councillor Wilkinson said the only reason the petition had not been pursued was because no residents had returned the paper versions.

The councillor, who lives opposite the factory in Hall Street, Langley, confirmed she had left the Labour group to sit as an independent and would step down when her term expires next year.

"I am a strong individual but this has been a very traumatic experience for me," she said. "I have enjoyed my time as a councillor and helping people in the community but this has hurt me so much that I think I can never run as a local councillor again."

Homes were evacuated during the fire at the Crosswells Road factory.

Sandwell Council's monitoring officer Neeraj Sharma said: "I can confirm the council has received an anonymous complaint that is serious and I have met with Councillor Wilkinson to inquire into this."

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CLUB NEWS

WI guest proves a glass act

BILBROOK WI

FOLLOWING the usual business, president Julie Hammersley introduced the speaker for the February meeting, Cas Bailey.

Cas had visited before to talk about her life during her 32 years in the police force. This talk, "Cuffs to Glass", was about what came after she had retired.

Looking for something completely different and challenging to do she noticed a magazine advert for a 12-month course in glass techniques at Dudley College.

Classes were held in a disused glass factory in Brierley Hill. There were 12 students in her class ranging in age from their 20s to 60s.

Cas enjoyed her time there so much that she enrolled and completed a second year course.

After two years at college, Cas rented a studio workshop and started a small business. When the studio was sold, Cas had to look for new premises. She bought a new house and had a log house built in the garden for a workshop.

Cas explained the various techniques and brought some beautiful samples of her work. She can now be found selling her creations and taking commissions at Shugborough on crafts days.

Win Poulton gave a vote of thanks and te evening was rounded off with the raffle and refreshments.

The AGM will be on March 12 at the village hall, Joey's Lane at 7.30pm.

Historian gives reel insight into cinemas

Historian Ned Williams addressed the meeting

THE BLACK COUNTRY SOCIETY

THE Kingswinford branch of the Black Country Society met at St Mary's Church Hall on January 16 when historian Ned Williams was the speaker. He is a member and past president of the society.

Ned was born in Ilford, Essex but has lived in the Black Country since 1962. He taught at Wulfrun College for 30 years and then for 10 years with the Workers Educational Association.

A prolific writer, he now has 48 books to his name, the most recent ones being Black Country Cinemas and Black Country Theatres. His illustrated talk was of cinemas and entertainment in the Black Country. He gave a fascinating talk about cinemas no longer with us and explained that the buildings are often now used for other purposes such as bingo halls and warehouses. Many of them still retain the art deco styles inside.

He spoke about theatres including the now defunct Dudley Hippodrome. Ned also talked about early travelling players, circuses and fairgrounds and famous people who ran them events – Pat Collins being one.

The chairman thanked Ned for his talk and coffee was served.

Perils of public speaking

WALSALL CENTRAL TG

THE February meeting was opened by chairman Brenda White, who conducted the business.

Due to the closure of Mellish Townswomen's Guild, some of their members joined with the Central Guild who were very happy to welcome them. Speaker for the evening was Pamela Wheat, who gave an interesting talk on the "Perils of Public Speaking".

The next date for members will be the Annual General Meeting, taking place at 7pm on Tuesday, March 5 in the Mellish Room at Central Hall Methodist Church, Walsall.

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NEWS

Work nears completion on project's first phase

THE first phase of a £20 million regeneration project in West Bromwich is expected to be completed next month. Builders are finishing the first 29 homes in the Eastern Gateway scheme.

by Naomi Dunning

Now an application has gone in to demolish numbers 133a to 145 High Street and numbers 35 to 49 Bull Street to pave the way for the next phase, which will see 34 homes built.

Work on these is expected to start next month.

Sandwell's neighbourhoods chief Councillor Ian Jones said: "This is another step forward in what is a significant redevelopment of West Bromwich. Gradually it's all coming together.

Mixture

"This is a scheme that will benefit everyone and we're excited about seeing it all completed."

The Eastern Gateway project will see three acres of land off Overend Street developed as a mixture of private and affordable two, three and four-bed homes and apartments, with communal green public space.

The full project is due for completion in 2014. Homes will be for sale and rent at the Urban 180 development.

Buyers may benefit from Sandwell Council's own mortgage scheme.

The development has been lead by housing association the Accord Group, in partnership with Mansell Midlands and Sandwell Council.

Homes, are part of a project, which has had more than £604,000 funding from the Government's Homes and Communities Agency.

As well as providing high quality, sustainable and affordable housing in the town centre and creating retail and office space, council bosses also want to improve the area's appearance and provide safe and attractive pedestrian links to Dartmouth Park, High Street and the wider town centre.

Monkey business for carpenters

Volunteer carpenters Geoff Benbow, left, and Rob Jurczenko with the bespoke primates' convalescence bay

POORLY primates at Dudley Zoo now have a bespoke convalescence bay thanks to the handiwork of two volunteers.

Geoff Benbow, from West Bromwich, and Rob Jurczenko, from Tipton, have been putting their carpentry skills to good use at the attraction for the past two years.

Their latest contribution, the conversion of office space within Monkey Tails rainforest experience, took two months to complete and will enable staff to keep a close eye on any monkeys who are sick.

Keeper Nicola Wright, said: "We are very grateful to Geoff and Rob as the new areas are situated right by the staff room, which means we can keep a closer eye on any poorly animals.

"We will be able to keep a constant watch over them and they will also benefit from the extra social interaction."

Small primates based at the walk through enclosure include squirrel monkeys, saki monkeys and emperor tamarins.

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NEWS

Insurance pay-out delay for blaze-hit textile firm

DEMOLITION at a textiles firm ravaged by a severe fire has been delayed following a wrangle with insurers.

Around 60 firefighters battled the blaze at BCR Global Textiles, in Greets Green Road, West Bromwich, on January 6.

A sorting warehouse at the premises was destroyed but other parts of the site, including the company's main office, were saved.

Bosses expected rebuilding to have been started within weeks but insurers have so far failed to pay out bringing the clean-up to a standstill and leaving the firm in limbo.

Work has continued with bosses forced to rent a warehouse near to the site to make up for the lost storage space.

Managing director Maxine Sault said she was confident insurers would pay out but it was taking much longer than expected.

Little

"They just seem to be dragging their heels at the moment," she said. "I have legal people talking with the insurers at the moment. I am confident this will be resolved in the near future and they will pay out.

"Until then, it is just a matter of carrying on and keeping everything running as best it can. Work has been ongoing at the site despite the fire.

"Unfortunately we have been able to do very little to clean up the site at the moment and obviously no building work has taken place."

Ms Sault said once the insurance had paid out plans would be lodged with Sandwell Council for the new development. She said it had been supportive during the fire and hoped the proposals would be approved.

A report into the exact cause of the fire has still to be completed.

Date for family history

THE next meeting of Sandwell Family History Society will be held on March 4 at 7.30pm at Hill Top Community Centre, Hill Top, West Bromwich. All are welcome. Contact Geoff Webb on 01922 492653.

Trevor talks tactics to colts

Trevor Francis with youngsters from Halesowen Town Colts FC

FORMER England footballer Trevor Francis inspired a new generation of footballers as visited a Black Country club.

England's first £1 million player was at Halesowen Town Colts FC for McDonald's Community Awards, celebrating grassroots football. The club – junior arm of Halesowen Town FC – previously won an award and on Saturday was visited by awards ambassador Francis.

Coach mentor Paul Kelsall said: "We have set up a Saturday soccer school and it is free for everyone to come along to. "We wanted to make sure it was open to all communities regardless of age or ability. Around 30 youngsters attend every week

"Last year we were nominated through Birmingham County FA as development club of the year and then through that, this year's nomination for McDonalds Community Award asked us if we would be happy to kick off this year's nominations."

The former Birmingham City player and manager watched the teams play, posed for photographs, did some coaching and chatted to youngsters and parents at the event, held at Earls High School, Furnace Lane, Halesowen.

Jail after attack on former school pal

AN ATTACKER stamped on the face of a former school friend he had known for 30 years during a drunken argument in a West Bromwich street, a court heard.

Sundeep Binning dragged Gurjeet Singh to the floor by his jacket before stamping on him three times when trouble flared.

Mr Singh had "jabbed" Binning to the face after the defendant had made an inappropriate comment about his wife, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

In response to the jab, Binning launched his attack, leaving Mr Singh with a broken nose.

Angry

Mr Oliver Woolhouse, prosecuting, told Monday's hearing the pair had become involved in an argument at about 1.30pm on July 26 in Sydney Close, Hill Top.

The court heard that Binning, 37, was drunk and called Mr Singh's wife an offensive name, knowing that his friend was having marital problems.

Mr Woolhouse said: "Mr Singh was angry and upset by the comment and struck the first blow, jabbing the defendant to the face and telling him to go home."

He added that Binning, of Sydney Close, then dragged Mr Singh to the floor before stamping on his chest and then twice to the head.

Binning admitted assault occasioning actual bodily harm and was jailed for six months.

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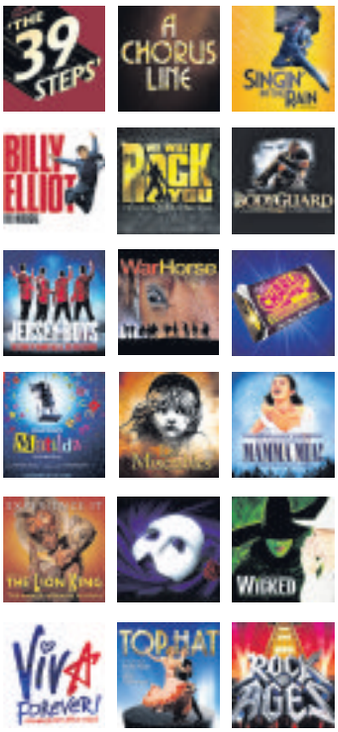

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What's On! Sandwell

Testament to the success of Joseph

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, The Grand, W-ton

GO go Joseph... there just seems no stopping the theatrical juggernaut this Old Testament pop musical has become.

First conceived by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber more than 40 years ago, its popularity does not decline and it could lay claim to being the nation's favourite musical.

This latest touring production from Bill Kenwright goes all out to please, the songs come slick and fast – mostly parodies from country music to Elvis Presley and Parisian chanson – delivered by an energetic cast.

It tells the Book of Genesis tale of how favourite son Joseph is sold into slavery by his 11 jealous brothers, ends up in Egypt where, after a spell in jail, he becomes the pharoah's right hand man and is finally reconciled with those sinful siblings and reunited with his father.

Keith Jack, runner-up in the TV search for Joseph, is a charismatic leading man with a smile that lit up the theatre and delivered his big number, Any Dream Will Do, at least three times. He had excellent support from Lauren Ingram as the Narrator.

The night ended with a crowd-pleasing Joseph megamix for which the Grand audience were encouraged to get out of their seats and dance.

Leon Burakowski

Glamorous home town role as Sophie joins High Society

THE GLITZY world of American 'High Society' in the 1940s will be brought to the stage at Wolverhampton Grand next week.

Among performers preparing for curtain-up on the musical is Sophie Bould, a former member of South Staffs Musical Theatre Company who is now a professional actor.

The former pupil of St Dominic's School, in Brewood, previously wowed West End audiences playing Liesl in The Sound of Music after first walking the boards at the Grand.

Now aged 31, she said: "I was eight when the theatre company were performing South Pacific and they needed a youngster to play a little French girl. My mum Veronica was with the company. I was at the Grand Theatre for a week and I was bitten by the bug."

Sophie Bould with Daniel Boys in the Cole Porter musical High Society

Well Did You Evah and True Love are two of the most famous songs from High Society, which will feature Sophie alongside Daniel Boys and former Robin of Sherwood Michael Praed.

The Cole Porter musical was a 1956 film with Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Louis Armstrong. That was itself based on play The Philadelphia Story, made into a 1940 film with Katherine Hepburn, Cary Grand and James Stewart.

High Society is at the Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, then at Birmingham Hippodrome from May 14 to 18.

Acrobatic action at The Moscow State Circus, coming to Wolverhampton Civic Hall

Circus and Disney fun

ICONS of Russian and American popular culture are coming to the West Midlands to entertain families.

Disney On Ice returned to Birmingham's LG Arena yesterday (Wednesday) for a five-day run of their new extravaganza Let's Party.

A medley of festivals from around the world, it is hosted by Mickey and Minnie Mouse and features favourites from such movies as Lilo & Stich and Toy Story, plus an array of Disney Princesses and Villains.

Then next week the Moscow State Circus rolls into Wolverhampton, swapping a big top for the Civic Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 26 and 27, for a show based on a Russian legend.

Babushkin Sekret concerns a search for a chair containing treasure.

The story will involve performances by high-wire artists, acrobats, jugglers and clowns.

Love ballads and Valentine lingerie

Nerina Pallot
Glee Club, Birmingham

IN between regaling the packed Glee Club audience with opinions of dodgy Valentine lingerie and Sharon Osbourne's plastic surgery, Brit Award-nominated singer/songwriter Nerina Pallott entertained her fans with the last leg of her Lonely Valentine tour.

She opened on the baby grand piano with a soft ballad, her clear voice sounding not unlike Katie Melua but with a harder edge. Moving into Driving to Idaho she exuded a rich sound which began to show the range of her voice.

Pallot kept with the ballads through All Bets Are Off which was a more soulful song telling of disastrous love which fitted in with the theme of the tour. She tried out one of her new songs, Once, before clomping across the stage in her crimson 50s-style dress to pick up her acoustic guitar.

She was interrupted by her husband letting her know their baby son, who was ill, was now alright and as she tried to move into her next song her emotions got the better of her and she broke down in tears of relief.

The plucky Pallot was soon back on track and quickly moved into more of her repertoire including Mr King, Real Late Starter, Turn Me On Again and even at one stage allowed the audience to throw in a request.

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Casualty
BBC1, 8.40pm
Last week we met estranged couple David and Kate. When we catch up with them here, he struggles to keep his temper in check after their son Nathan is rushed to the ED after collapsing while on a day out with Kate. The fact that Kate then announces she wants access to their son, coupled with bad news about the youngster's future treatment, stuns David so much, he decides to do something very foolish indeed. Meanwhile, Zoe returns, goes berserk at Ash and then offers him a permanent job. Also starring Patrick Robinson.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. **2.00** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. **4.20** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **4.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. England v France (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.00 Let's Dance for Comic Relief. Steve Jones and Alex Jones present the second heat of the contest, featuring Jon Culshaw, Antony Cotton, members of the cast of Waterloo Road, Kim Woodburn and Rosemary Shrager.

8.25 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. New series. OJ Borg presents as the balls are set rolling to decide the all-important numbers. Including the Lotto, Thunderball and Lotto Plus 5 draws.

8.40 Casualty. Zoe returns from sick leave and clashes with Ash, Jeff must persuade a man to act in his son's best interests and Fletch is determined to help an elderly gentleman in love.

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes and the Brown family await the fruits of their fraud after faking Grandad's death to get a payout, but the insurance company starts to grow suspicious. (R)

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; National Lottery Update.

11.40 The Football League Show.

12.55 Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Close. **7.30** Great British Menu. (R) **8.00** Great British Menu. (R) **8.30** Great British Menu. (R) **9.00** Great British Menu. (R) **9.30** Great British Menu. (R) **10.00** A History of Britain by Simon Schama. (R) **11.00** Meet the Ancestors. (R) **11.30** Map Man. (R) **12.00** Indian Food Made Easy. (R) **12.30** Mastermind. (R) **1.00** University Challenge. (R) **1.30** Talking Pictures. **2.15 Film:** The Black Shield of Falworth. (1954) **3.50** Coast. **4.00** Flog It! **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Live Cycling: World Track Championships.

7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson puts the new Kia Cee'd through a peculiar road test, Richard Hammond drives the Mastretta MXT, and three high-performance hatchbacks are tested on the track. (R)

8.00 Dad's Army. The platoon has a steam engine problem. (R)

8.30 A Wolf Called Storm: Natural World Special. Cameraman Jeff Turner spends a year following the lives of a wolf and its pack in the north of Canada, learning how the animals survive in the harsh wilderness. (R)

9.30 Howard Goodall's Story of Music. The composer examines the ways in which modernism and the birth of recorded sound in the late 19th century changed the way music was played, heard and distributed.

10.30 Funny Business. Comedians who work on cruise ships. Last in the series.

11.30 Film: The Men Who Stare at Goats. (2009) Satirical comedy, starring George Clooney and Ewan McGregor.

12.55 Close.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. **6.10** Handy Manny. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Dino Dan. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Bookaboo. **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **8.05** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **8.15** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **8.30** Victorious. (R) **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. (R) **11.25** Dinner Date. **12.25** Countrywise. **12.40** ITV News; Weather. **12.45 Film:** Carry On Up the Jungle. (1970) **2.30** The Chase: Celebrity Special. (R) **3.30** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Totally You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a review of the show's most comical clips, featuring amazing accidents, cute kids and the funniest members of the animal kingdom. (R)

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. New series. The Geordie duo's entertainment show returns, featuring a performance by Robbie Williams in the first edition. Danny DeVito is in the voiceover booth.

8.20 Take Me Out. A rugby player, a student, a morris dancer and a security adviser enter the love lift in the hope of impressing 30 single women. Paddy McGuinness presents. Last in the series.

9.50 The Jonathan Ross Show. Celebrity interviews.

10.50 ITV News; Weather.

11.05 Film: The Gauntlet. (1977) Action adventure, starring Clint Eastwood.

1.05 Jackpot247. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Will & Grace. (R) **7.25** Freesports on 4. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.20** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.50** Frasier. (R) **10.20** Frasier. (R) **10.50** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.20** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.45** The Simpsons. (R) **12.10** The Simpsons. (R) **12.40** Secret Millionaire Ireland. (R) **1.45** Channel 4 Racing. **4.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 Come Dine with Me. Rose Proenca hosts the final dinner party in Portsmouth. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv.

7.00 The Queen's Mother in Law. The story of Prince Philip's mother Princess Alice, a great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria who turned her back on royal life to work with the poor in Greece. (R)

8.00 Kevin McCloud's Man Made Home. The Grand Designs presenter builds an oak-framed cabin using recycled materials, aiming to create a retreat where he can get away from the rat race. (R)

9.00 Film: Terminator Salvation. (2009) In the future, resistance fighter John Connor leads a war against the deadly robots that have taken over the world. Sci-fi thriller sequel, with Christian Bale and Sam Worthington.

11.10 Film: Rising Sun. (1993) Thriller, starring Sean Connery and Wesley Snipes.

1.35 Southland. **2.15** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.20** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.25** Monkey Life. (R) **11.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55 Film:** I Dream of Murder. (2006) **2.40 Film:** Corrina, Corrina. (1994) **4.55** 5 News Weekend. **5.00 Film:** Columbo: Ransom for a Dead Man. (1971)

6.55 CSI: NY. Mac tells Flack about the persistent anonymous calls he is receiving, and the team investigates a string of audacious robberies carried out by crooks equipped with hi-tech gadgetry. (R)

7.40 NCIS. Ducky is attacked by a knife-wielding woman who accuses him of war crimes, alleging he tortured and killed her brother in Afghanistan in the early 1980s. Starring David McCallum. (R)

8.35 NCIS. The agents investigate the private life of a Navy captain whose actions may have led to his death, while McGee finds a love interest on the internet. (R)

9.30 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Benson and Stabler are called upon to investigate when a man contacts the police after discovering a dead woman in his bed.

10.25 Law & Order: Criminal Intent.

11.25 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide To. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Merlin **7.45** Doctor Who **8.35 Film:** National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007) **10.30** World's Craziest Fools **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Britain's Natural World **8.00** Baroque! From St Peter's to St Paul's **9.00** Spiral 4: State of Terror **10.45** The Joy of the Single **11.45** Country at the BBC

ITV2
3.35 Film: Toy Story 2 (1999) **5.30 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **7.20 Film:** Jurassic Park (1993) **9.50** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.50** Fake Reaction **11.40 Film:** Gremlins (1984)

ITV3
1.55 A Touch of Frost **4.00 Film:** Carry On Girls (1973) **5.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.55** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00 Film:** The Pianist (2002)

ITV4
3.10 Film: The Upturned Glass (1947) **5.00 Film:** Invitation to a Gunfighter (1964) **7.00** TT Legends **7.30** GT Academy **8.00** The Sweeney **9.00** River Monsters: Lethal Legends **10.00 Film:** Raging Bull (1980)

E4
3.35 Rules of Engagement **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00 Film:** Beverly Hills Cop II (1987) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory

Film4
2.50 Speed 2: Cruise Control (1997) **5.10** Nacho Libre (2006) **6.55** America's Sweethearts (2001) **9.00** The Runaways (2010) Premiere. Biopic of the 1970s rock band, starring Kristen Stewart and Dakota Fanning. **11.05** Dog Soldiers (2002)

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 24.02.13

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CHOICE

Yotam Ottolenghi

Ottolenghi's Mediterranean Feast Channel 4, 7pm

Okay so we don't really need any more culinary programmes hogging the schedules - it's a big enough head-scratcher trying to choose between the crop of TV chefs already on offer. However, you'll probably join us in making an exception for this particular one - even if it is only because he's getting us out and about to various idyllic destinations. First up in his exploration of the Mediterranean's cuisine, Yotam heads to Marrakech, Morocco, where he learns about the city's street food and dines at Jemaa El Fna square.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Countryfile. (R) **11.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** BBC News. **12.05** Bargain Hunt. **12.30** Call the Midwife. (R) **1.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. **4.00** Escape to the Country. **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** Penguins – Spy in the Huddle. (R)

6.05 Deadly 60 on a Mission. New series. Steve Backshall continues his quest to encounter the world's 60 deadliest animals, heading to South Africa in search of great white sharks, cheetahs and venomous snakes.

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury explore Bristol, Tom Heap investigates issues associated with illegally produced meat and Adam Henson finds out how a breed of cow is being preserved. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Jenny tries to reconcile a dying man with his only remaining daughter, while Dr Turner and the midwives carry out a mass screening for tuberculosis in Poplar.

9.00 Ripper Street. Jackson is accused of being the Ripper and faces the death penalty, while Reid investigates the suspected kidnapping of Rose. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2.

11.25 The League Cup Show.

12.05 The Apprentice USA. **1.30** Weatherview. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Close. **6.20 Film:** Once Upon a Honeymoon. (1942) **8.15** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. **8.45** A to Z of TV Gardening. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Live Cycling: World Track Championships. **2.05** EastEnders. (R) **4.00** The Lions' Roar. **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Restoration Home. (R)

6.15 Food & Drink. Jun Tanaka helps create the perfect burger. (R)

6.45 Ski Sunday. Graham Bell presents highlights of the women's downhill at the World Cup event in Meribel, France, while Ed Leigh reports on Britain's slopestyle hopefuls from Laax in Switzerland.

7.30 Open All Hours. Granville is left in charge of the shop. (R)

8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond design a vehicle for elderly people, James May gets acquainted with the latest Range Rover and James McAvoy drives the Reasonably Priced Car.

9.00 Wonders of Life. Professor Brian Cox considers what makes Earth a home for life and asks what ingredients were necessary to transform this once barren planet. Last in the series.

10.00 Dancing on the Edge. Stanley is made editor of Music Express. (R)

11.05 Six Nations Rugby Union. Highlights of the third weekend of this year's competition.

11.50 Film: 10 Rillington Place. (1971) Fact-based thriller, starring Richard Attenborough.

1.40 Sign Zone: Holby City. (R) **2.40** Being Eileen. (R) **3.05** Close.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Handy Manny. **6.10** Handy Manny. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Dino Dan. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Bookaboo. **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **8.05** Rated A for Awesome. **8.15** Rated A for Awesome. **8.30** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **8.45** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **9.00** The Aquabats Super Show. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30 Film:** Carry On Henry. (1971) **2.15** Doc Martin. (R) **3.15** Agatha Christie's Marple. (R) **5.15** You've Been Framed! (R) **5.45** Regional Programme; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 Dancing on Ice. The five remaining skaters get to grips with props in their routines as they battle to win places in next week's semi-final. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley present. The results are at 8.30pm.

7.45 All Star Family Fortunes. With Nicola Adams and Michael Vaughan.

8.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two lowest-scoring couples battle it out.

9.00 Mr Selfridge. The Woolworths present Harry with some tough competition.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 Her Majesty's Prison – Aylesbury. Two-part documentary about life at the young offenders' institution. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.

12.15 The Store. **2.15** Monk. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Will & Grace. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.40** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.10** The Simpsons. (R) **1.40** The Simpsons. (R) **2.10 Film:** The Wedding Planner. (2001) **4.20** Time Team. **5.20** Deal or No Deal.

6.20 Channel 4 News.

6.50 The Political Slot. The Green Party's Natalie Bennett and Will Duckworth discuss unemployment.

6.55 4thought.tv. A rabbi who believes British Jews should learn from immigrants of other faiths.

7.00 Ottolenghi's Mediterranean Feast. New series. Chef Yotam Ottolenghi travels the southern and eastern Mediterranean to explore its cuisine. He begins his journey in Marrakech, tasting the Moroccan city's street food.

8.00 A Great British Air Disaster. The rise and fall of the De Havilland Comet.

9.00 Film: Unstoppable. (2010) Premiere. Two train operators must stop a runaway locomotive carrying toxic chemicals before it crashes. Thriller, starring Denzel Washington.

10.50 Film: Runaway Jury. (2003) Courtroom thriller, starring John Cusack and Gene Hackman.

1.10 Chris Addison: My Funniest Year. (R) **3.00** 4Funnies: Brian Gittins. (R) **3.30** Eating for Two. (R) **3.35** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.20** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Olive the Ostrich. (R) **6.50** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Animal Antics. (R) **7.30** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Mio Mao. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Disney Shorts: Bone Bandit. (R) **11.15** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Once Upon a Time. (R) **12.15** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.20 Film:** Winnie the Pooh: Springtime with Roo. (2004) **2.35 Film:** Stuart Little 2. (2002) **4.05 Film:** To Hell and Back. (1955)

6.10 Beat the Ancestors.

7.05 Film: Mosquito Squadron. (1968) Second World War drama, starring David McCallum.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Person of Interest. Reese infiltrates a smuggling ring.

10.00 Film: Saw: The Final Chapter. Premiere. Horror sequel, starring Costas Mandylor. (2010)

11.50 The Exorcist: The True Story. (R)

12.50 SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide To. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Let's Dance for Comic Relief **8.10 Film:** Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (2010) **10.00** Being Human **11.00** People Like Us

BBC Four

7.00 The Story of British Pathe **8.00** WHAAM! Roy Lichtenstein at the Tate Modern **9.00** Madness in the Desert: Paris to Dakar Rally **10.00** Timeshift: Everybody Was Kung Fu Fighting – The Rise of Martial Arts in Britain **11.00** The Swing Thing

ITV2

3.25 Take Me Out **4.55** Take Me Out – The Gossip **5.55 Film:** Babe (1995) **7.45 Film:** Ocean's Eleven (2001) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50 Film:** The Grudge (2004)

ITV3

3.40 Film: Forever Young (1992) **5.45** Murder, She Wrote **6.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.55** An Audience with Cliff Richard **10.00 Film:** Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007)

ITV4

3.35 Film: Morning Departure (1950) **5.45 Film:** Without a Clue (1988) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) **11.30 Film:** The Big Lebowski (1998)

E4

5.00 Revenge **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** New Girl **8.00 Film:** Edward Scissorhands (1990) **10.05** Rude Tube **11.05** My Mad Fat Diary

Film4

2.55 Explorers (1985) **5.05** Inkheart (2008) **7.10** My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006) **9.00** High Crimes (2002) A leading attorney fights to prove her husband's innocence after the military accuse him of killing villagers in El Salvador. Thriller, starring Ashley Judd. **11.15** Blood and Chocolate (2007)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Not so many in the cafe we run (5)
4. Fish forced to come to land (7)
8. Doesn't move the corpse (7)
9. Make an admission (3,2)
10. Philosopher reveals hypocrisy, we hear (4)
11. What to do to get the most satisfactory trip on horseback (8)

13 and 19 Down. Screen section put back as a hatch (4-4)

14 and 17 Across. Besides a greater amount in surplus (8)

16. The end of the trip - touch down before autumn (8)
17. See 14 Across.
20. Native of Australia to leave after a row (5)
21. An appointment associated with the French evangelist (7)
22. The distinctive nature of eastern scenes, maybe (7)
23. They are character-ised in an adaptation of "The Loser" (5)

Down

1. Sounding to be in favour of information the prophet should have (13)
2. Who brings endless sorrow to a husband? (5)
3. Fence the track (4)
4. A crowd by the Span-ish accommodation building (6)
5. Load it in - it's needed for expansion (8)
6. External telephone connection for broad statement (7)
7. Schools that have small charges (13)
12. The result of incom-plete waxing! (4-4)
13. Could they be an in-clusion in temporary accommodation? (7)
15. Stick to use as an axe (6)
18. Six talk endlessly, being full of life (5)
19. See 13 Across.

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Happen (5)
4. In addition (7)
8. Betrayer (7)
9. Zest (5)
10. Rid (4)
11. Trader (8)
13. Munch (4)
14. Let it stand (4)
16. Maintain (8)
17. Support (4)
20. Sluggish (5)
21. Disclose (7)
22. Beg (7)
23. Finished (5)

Down

1. Rusty (3-2-8)
2. Pursue (5)
3. Scold (4)
4. Trade by exchange (6)
5. Wisdom (8)
6. Far (7)
7. Lacking self-control (5-8)
12. Disparage (8)
13. Vanity (7)
15. Majestic (6)
18. Wandered (5)
19. Pain (4)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Ship-shape; 8 Upon; 9 Rehearsal; 10 Cereal; 11 Atoll; 14 Unite; 15 Dice; 16 Drill; 18 Ears; 20 Inept; 21 Serve; 24 Settle; 25 Magnolias; 26 Once; 27 Essential. Down: 1 Punctures; 2 Courtiers; 4 Heel; 5 Pleat; 6 Herald; 7 Plan; 9 Rated; 11 A time; 12 Limestone; 13 Feathered; 17 Lives; 19 Seance; 22 Valet; 23 Dais; 24 Saga. QUICK - Across: 3 Transport; 8 Espy; 9 Stretched; 10 Fleece; 11 Cycle; 14 Radio; 15 Edge; 16 Plays; 18 Thud; 20 Tacit; 21 Roost; 24 Fasten; 25 Frightful; 26 Soon; 27 Sternness. Down: 1 Perforate; 2 Splendour; 4 Rite; 5 Needy; 6 Pickle; 7 Reel; 9 Scoop; 11 Chart; 12 Education; 13 Pertinent; 17 Steal; 19 Dodger; 22 Satin; 23 Fret; 24 Fuss.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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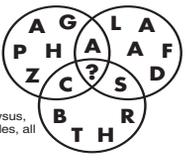
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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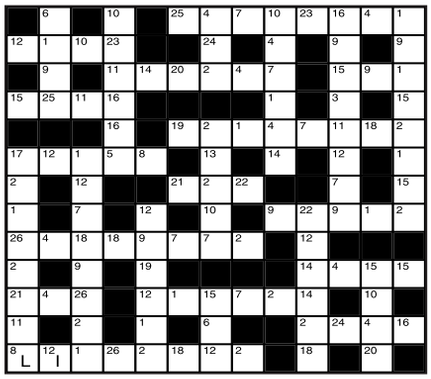

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 K	2 C	3 H	4 E	5 R	6 S	7 L	8 D	9 Y	10 A	11 U	12 I	13 M
14 J	15 W	16 V	17 B	18 Z	19 O	20 P	21 N	22 X	23 F	24 Q	25 T	26 G

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Not so many in the cafe we run (5)
4. Fish forced to come to land (7)
8. Doesn't move the corpse (7)
9. Make an admission (3,2)
10. Philosopher reveals hypocrisy, we hear (4)
11. What to do to get the most satisfactory trip on horseback (8)

13 and 19 Down. Screen section put back as a hatch (4-4)

14 and 17 Across. Besides a greater amount in surplus (8)

16. The end of the trip - touch down before autumn (8)
17. See 14 Across.
20. Native of Australia to leave after a row (5)
21. An appointment associated with the French evangelist (7)
22. The distinctive nature of eastern scenes, maybe (7)
23. They are characterised in an adaptation of "The Loser" (5)

Down

1. Sounding to be in favour of information the prophet should have (13)
2. Who brings endless sorrow to a husband? (5)
3. Fence the track (4)
4. A crowd by the Spanish accommodation building (6)
5. Load it in - it's needed for expansion (8)
6. External telephone connection for broad statement (7)
7. Schools that have small charges (13)
12. The result of incomplete waxing! (4-4)
13. Could they be an inclusion in temporary accommodation? (7)
15. Stick to use as an axe (6)
18. Six talk endlessly, being full of life (5)
19. See 13 Across.

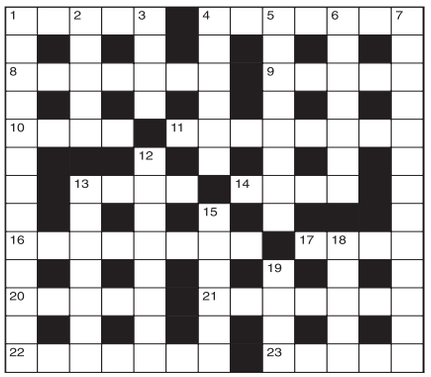
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Happen (5)
4. In addition (7)
8. Betrayer (7)
9. Zest (5)
10. Rid (4)
11. Trader (8)
13. Munch (4)
14. Let it stand (4)
16. Maintain (8)
17. Support (4)
20. Sluggish (5)
21. Disclose (7)
22. Beg (7)
23. Finished (5)

Down

1. Rusty (3-2-8)
2. Pursue (5)
3. Scold (4)
4. Trade by exchange (6)
5. Wisdom (8)
6. Far (7)
7. Lacking self-control (5-8)
12. Disparage (8)
13. Vanity (7)
15. Majestic (6)
18. Wandered (5)
19. Pain (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Ship-shape; 8 Upon; 9 Rehearsal; 10 Cereal; 11 Atoll; 14 Unite; 15 Dice; 16 Drill; 18 Ears; 20 Inept; 21 Serve; 24 Settle; 25 Magnolias; 26 Once; 27 Essential. Down: 1 Punctures; 2 Courtiers; 4 Heel; 5 Pleat; 6 Herald; 7 Plan; 9 Rated; 11 A time; 12 Limestone; 13 Feathered; 17 Lives; 19 Seance; 22 Valet; 23 Dais; 24 Saga. QUICK - Across: 3 Transport; 8 Espy; 9 Stretched; 10 Fleece; 11 Cycle; 14 Radio; 15 Edge; 16 Plays; 18 Thud; 20 Tacit; 21 Roost; 24 Fasten; 25 Frightful; 26 Soon; 27 Sternness. Down: 1 Perforate; 2 Splendour; 4 Rite; 5 Needy; 6 Pickle; 7 Reel; 9 Scoop; 11 Chart; 12 Education; 13 Pertinent; 17 Steal; 19 Dodger; 22 Satin; 23 Fret; 24 Fuss.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

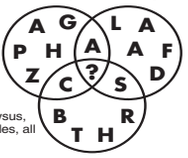
	2				7		3	6
1		7		5	3			
		9					2	
7	5		8				1	9
				1				
9	1		5		2		8	3
	3					4		
			7	8			6	5
4		5	6				9	

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	2	6	7	1	8	9	3	5
5	7	1	4	9	3	6	2	8
8	9	3	5	2	6	4	7	1
2	4	8	6	5	9	3	1	7
3	1	5	8	4	7	2	9	6
9	6	7	2	3	1	8	5	4
7	3	9	1	8	4	5	6	2
6	5	4	3	7	2	1	8	9
1	8	2	9	6	5	7	4	3

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is I. Dionysus, Poseidon, Achilles, all Greek gods.

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NEW

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ALISON CLOSE
- Three bedroom detached
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Front and rear gardens
- Energy Rating D

£149,995

NEW

TIPTON
TIPPS STONE CLOSE
- Three bedroom end terrace town house
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating D

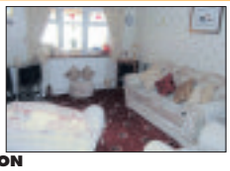
£124,995

REDUCED

TIPTON
PARK LANE WEST
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating E

WAS £114,995 NOW £104,995

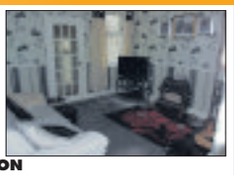
NEW



TIPTON
ASTON STREET
- Three bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating C

£119,950

NEW



TIPTON
PARK LANE EAST
- Three bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating E

£89,995

REDUCED

TIPTON
AVERN CLOSE
- One bedroom back to back
- Lounge and Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing and electric storage heating (where specified)
- Garden and Allocated parking
- Cul-de-sac location
- No upward chain
- Energy rating C

Was £74,995 Now £72,500

NEW

TIPTON
LOVATT CLOSE
- Three bedroom modern detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen and utility
- Downstairs WC and en suite to master bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Family bathroom
- Driveway with off road parking
- Rear garden
- Energy rating D

£149,995

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
SHERIDAN STREET
- Three bedroom mid terrace
- Two reception rooms
- Upstairs family bathroom
- Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- Garage/storage space
- In need of modernisation
- Energy rating E

£112,950

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
DUNKIRK AVENUE
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Front and rear gardens
- Energy rating C

£104,995

UNEXPECTEDLY BACK ON MARKET

WEST BROMWICH
GREAT BRIDGE STREET
- Two bedroom detached bungalow
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating E

£89,995

REDUCED

TIPTON
LEASOWE ROAD
- First floor two bed flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double glazing
- Central heating
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating C

WAS £55,000 NOW £49,000

TIVIDALE
TRAFALGAR ROAD
- Modern four bedroom detached family home
- Lounge, dining room, conservatory
- Kitchen and utility
- Downstairs WC and en suite to master bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Front, rear and side gardens
- Energy Rating C

£203,995

TIPTON
NEWMAN ROAD
- Three/four bedroom detached bungalow on corner plot
- Lounge and fitted kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Shower room
- Garage and driveway to rear
- Off road parking to front
- Side and rear gardens
- Energy Rating D

£179,995

TIPTON
MONINS AVENUE
- Three/four bedroom three storey town house
- Lounge
- Utility
- Downstairs WC
- En suite to master bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating D

£129,995

TIPTON
FLORENCE ROAD
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking for several vehicles
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating D

£115,000

WEST BROMWICH
MASON STREET
- Two bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Downstairs bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating D

Was £89,995 Now £86,995

BILSTON
CONSTANTINE WAY
- Four bedroom detached
- Lounge/dining room
- Dining kitchen, utility and conservatory
- Two en suites plus family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating D

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- Conservatory
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- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Front, rear and side grdens
- Energy Rating C

£194,995

TIPTON
DOVECOTE CLOSE
- Three bedroom detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage
- Off road parking
- Front and rear gardens
- Energy rating D

£146,995

TIPTON
WOODING CRESCENT
- Extended three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge/dining room
- Extended kitchen
- Conservatory
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Family bathroom
- Off road parking
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating D

£144,995

TIPTON
HAINES CLOSE
- Modern three bedroom detached
- Lounge/diner, Conservatory
- Downstairs WC
- En suite to master bedroom
- Garage and off road parking
- Double glazing
- Central heating (where specified)
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating D

£142,995

TIPTON
EDWARD FISHER DRIVE
- Three bedroom end terrace
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden
- Energy rating D

£129,995

WEST BROMWICH
ASH DRIVE
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Entrance porch
- Lounge/dining room
- Extended L-shaped kitchen
- Conservatory
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Shared drive with garage to rear
- Front and rear gardens
- Energy rating D

£124,995

TIPTON
KEYWORTH CLOSE
- Two bedroom modern semi detached
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- En suite to master bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating C

£114,995

TIPTON
BILSTON ROAD
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Double garage to rear
- Off road parking
- Front and rear gardens
- Energy Rating D

£104,995

TIPTON
ST MARKS ROAD
- Three bedroom end terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Upstairs family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Allocated parking space
- Front and rear gardens
- Energy Rating C

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TIPTON
REGENT STREET
- Semi detached bungalow in quiet location • Hall, lounge and kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom with walk-in shower plus wheelchair access
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Steady/storeroom
- Good sized landscaped gardens to front and rear
- Cavity wall insulation and loft insulation
- Available immediately
- Energy Rating C

£89,995

TIPTON
EASTFIELD ROAD
- Three bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen diner
- Downstairs Wc
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Two bedroom semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Central Heating and Double Glazing. Energy Rating 59 (D)

£90,000

West Bromwich

Chester Road
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£91,000

West Bromwich

Farhill Close
Well presented terraced property. Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy Rating 61 (D)

£100,000

West Bromwich

Sheridan Street
three bedroom much improved mid terrace property. Briefly comprising of Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Downstairs Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Rear Garden, Central Heating and Double glazing. Viewing essential WortonKelly on 0121 588 5666. Energgy Rating 55 (D)

£115,000

West Bromwich

Walsall Road
Well presented semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Fitted Kitchen, Down Stairs Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating. Energy Rating 56 (D)

£115,000

West Bromwich

Peel Street
Well presented terraced property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Cloakroom, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Driveway, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy Rating 69 (C)

£120,000

West Bromwich

Manorford Avenue
Semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Storage Heating, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy Rating 43 (E)

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Hall Green Road
Well presented mid terraced property. Briefly comprising of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Double glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy Rating 43 (E)

£135,000

West Bromwich

Salop Close
corner plot three bedroom semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Garage, Front and Rear Gardens, Potential for extension subject to planning via the council, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Property is also alarmed. Energy Rating 60 (D)

£150,000

West Bromwich

Andrew Road
Well presented semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Central Heating and Double Glazing Where Specified. Energy Rating 63 (D)

£150000

West Bromwich

Ruskin Street
semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Down Stairs Shower Room, Up Stairs Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating. Energy Rating 73 (C)

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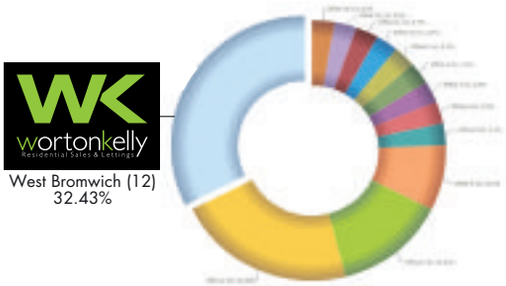

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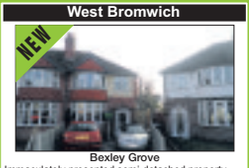
Meyrick Road
Well presented end terraced property. Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Cloak Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Master with En Suite, Family Bathroom, Off Road Parking and Rear Garden, Garage, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy Rating 82 (B)

£155000

West Bromwich

St Davids Close
three bedroom detached property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Off Road Parking, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. No upwards chain. Energy Rating 54 (E)

£160,000

West Bromwich


Bexley Grove
Immaculately presented semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Upstairs Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy Rating 49 (E)

£165,000

West Bromwich

Temple Meadows
This three bedroom semi-detached property in a desired area in West Bromwich. Briefly comprising of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Up Stairs Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Central Heating and Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, Garage, Front and Rear Gardens. Energy Rating 51 (E)

£180,000

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West Bromwich

Dagger Lane
Well presented semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Four Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Down Stairs Cloakroom, Four Bedrooms, Garage, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing essential to appreciate this property. Energy Rating 54 (E)

£249,999

West Bromwich

Hollyhedge Road
Impressive and tastefully improved four bedroom detached property located in the desirable location of Hollyhedge Road. The property Briefly comprises of Three Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Conservatory, Four Bedrooms and two with En Suits, Family Bathroom, Driveway, Garage and Rear Garden. Viewing highly recommended to appreciate the quality of this home. Energy Rating (F)

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£450 PCM

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Church Vale
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£500 PCM

West Bromwich

Marsh Lane
Three Bedroom Mid Terrace Property To Let. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Downstairs bathroom and Three Bedrooms. Viewing Essential. Available Immediately. DSS Accepted. Energy Rating 56 (D)

£495 PCM

West Bromwich

The Heights
Executive first floor apartment located on the popular development of The Heights in Stone Cross West Bromwich. The property briefly comprises of Two Double Bedrooms, Open Plan Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom and Secure Parking Area. Energy Rating 77 (C)

£525 PCM

West Bromwich

Thursfield Road
Three Bedroom Semi Detatched House. Benefitting from 2 reception rooms , kitchen, good sized rear garden , garage and driveway. Availlable immediately for 6 months to long term. Energy Rating 58 (D)

£575 PCM

Tipton

Anderson Road
Executive modern semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Kitchen, Cloak Room to the ground floor. First floor comprising of Three Bedrooms, Master with en suite and Bathroom. Second floor comprising of Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Available immediately for six months to long term, sorry no smokers, no pets and no dss. Energy rating 78 (C)

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2 double beds, single bed, Family bathroom
Driveway to front & rear Garden with patio
UPVC double glazing, GCH & alarm
Internal inspection recommended. EPC D
£186,950 Ref: D1274

GRAFTON ROAD, OLDBURY

Detached home with no upward chain
18ft8 lounge with separate dining room
Refitted kitchen with built in appliances
Refitted bathroom & 3 good size bedrooms
Blockpaved & driveway for several cars
UPVC DG & GCH. EPC rating D
£179,950 Ref: D1273

CHELSEA CLOSE, HARBORNE

3 double bedroom home in cul-de-sac
15ft5 lounge, dining room & kitchen
Downstairs wc & large family bathroom
Garage & driveway giving plenty of parking
UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
Lawned rear garden. EPC rating: C
£147,500 Ref: D1277

BARN CROFT, BARTLEY GREEN

Large 2 double bedroom home
Driveway for 2 cars & garden
Located in cul-de-sac position
21ft6 lounge diner, 13ft9 kitchen & utility
Refitted bathroom with white suite
Majority UPVC DG & GCH. EPC rating D
£109,950 Ref: D1271

WOODHOUSE ROAD, QUINTON

Spacious home with 2 double bedrooms
17ft (max) lounge & 15ft dining kitchen
Large bathroom with white suite
Benefitting UPVC DBG, GCH & alarm
Front & enclosed rear gardens.
EPC Rating D
£99,950 Ref: D1272

GUARDIAN HOUSE, OLDBURY

2 bed ground flr retirement flat with parking
15ft 5 lounge diner & kitchen
2 bedrooms & shower room
Secondary glazing & electric heating
Communal gardens & gated Parking
Vacant possession, EPC rating
£65,000 Ref: D1275

HAGLEY ROAD WEST, OLDBURY

End terraced home with gardens
2 double bedrooms & bathroom
2 separate reception rooms
Kitchen & lean to utility room
UPVC DG & GCH
Courtyard & lawned garden. EPC rating D
Offers in excess of £100,000 Ref: D1225

ADAMS HILL, BARTLEY GREEN

Semi with two double bedrooms
No upward chain
In need of updating and improvement
Lounge diner kitchen and side veranda
2 bedrooms, bathroom and wc on first floor
Double glazing and GCH. EPC rating E
£94,950 Ref: D1254

FRANKLEY AVENUE, HALESOWEN

Four bed extended home with garage
Extended kitchen & UPVC conservatory
20ft max lounge & separate dining room
Master fitted bedroom with ensuite shower
Three further bedrooms & family bathroom
Block paved driveway & garage. EPC rating E
£209,950 Ref: D1182

PERRY HILL ROAD, OLDBURY

Extended & immaculate 3 bed home
2 receptions, breakfast kitchen & utility
Conservatory & refitted d/s shower room
Refitted u/s bathroom with roll top bath
Private garden with westerly aspect
Driveway & garage. EPC rating: E
£195,000 Ref: D1243

APSLEY ROAD, OLDBURY

Extended 4 bed semi
Large Kitchen with dining room off
Lounge & separate sitting room
4 beds, shower room & 2nd WC
Parking to front & enclosed rear garden
UPVC DBG, GCH & alarm. EPC rating: D
£179,950 Ref: D1230

MARSHWOOD CROFT, HALESOWEN

3 bedroom home with conservatory
Lounge, dining room & kitchen
Garage & blockpaved driveway
Rear garden with private aspect
Cul-de-sac location
UPVC DG & GCH. EPC rating D
£164,995 Ref: D1235

ROMSLEY ROAD, OLDBURY

Superb 3 bedroom semi-detached home
Refitted 16ft dining kitchen & 13ft lounge
Refitted bathroom with white suite
Driveway to front & workshop to rear
UPVC DG & gas central heating
EPC rating: D
£129,950 Ref: D1253

LANDSWOOD ROAD, OLDBURY

Modernised 3 bedroom home
Refitted dining kitchen & conservatory
14ft lounge & d/s wc
Refitted shower room
Driveway & carport
UPVC DG & GCH. EPC rating C
£124,950 Ref: D1240

ABBERLEY ROAD, OLDBURY

Well presented mid terraced 3 bed home
Driveway to front giving off road parking
16ft dining kitchen, utility room & lounge
Family bathroom with white suite
2 decked areas in the garden & lawn
UPVC double glazing & GCH. EPC rating D
£118,950 Ref: D1250

SEEDHOUSE COURT, CRADLEY HEATH

Spacious first floor flat with 2 double beds
Secluded position over looking woodland
Lounge & kitchen - with woodland views
Communal rear gardens - allocated parking
Fitted with gas central heating & combi boiler
Vacant possession - EPC rating C
£79,950 Ref: D1046

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Lot 5	Glebe Farm Community Centre, Glebe Farm Road, Stechford, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
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Lot 14	Land at Rabone Lane, Smethwick, West Midlands	Land
Lot 15	Land at Corner of Hargate Lane & Gladstone Street, West Bromwich	Land
Lot 16	Land Adjoining 102 Hargate Lane, West Bromwich NOT BEING OFFERED	Land
Lot 17	The Greyhound, 20 Bargates, Whitchurch, Shropshire	Commercial Vacant
Lot 17a	The Hollybush, Main Street, Netherseal, Swadlincote, Derbyshire	Commercial Vacant
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Lot 18a	The Bulls Head, St. Johns Street, Nertherton, Dudley	Commercial Vacant
Lot 18b	The Brewery Tap, 50 Lowesmoor, Worcester	Commercial Vacant
Lot 18c	The Alma, George Street, Newcastle under Lyme	Commercial Vacant
Lot 19	The Rectory, 2 Rectory Lane, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 20	The Spread Eagle, 1 High Street, Cottingham, Market Harborough	Commercial Vacant
Lot 21	The Prince of Wales, 101 Harborough Road, Northampton	Commercial Vacant
Lot 22	20 Broadmeadow Green, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 23	Land off Henwood Lane, Catherine de Barnes	Land
Lot 24	240-242 Slade Road, Erdington, Birmingham	Commercial Investment
Lot 25	244 Slade Road, Erdington, Birmingham	Commercial Investment
Lot 26	72 Ashley Street, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 27	44 Vera Road, Yardley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 28	593 Birmingham New Road, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 29	The Rose & Crown, 52 Market Street, Draycott, Derbyshire	Commercial Vacant
Lot 30	The Country Girl, Sharpway Gate, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire	Commercial Vacant
Lot 31	Land R/o 144/146 Alcester Road & Adj. R/o Woodbridge Road & Freehold Ground Rent of 144 & 146 Alcester Road & 4 Woodbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham	Land/Ground Rent
Lot 32	11 Barnett Road, Willenhall	Residential Vacant
Lot 33	46 Carter Road Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 34	80 Pikehelve Street, West Bromwich	Commercial Vacant
Lot 35	22 Essex Street, Walsall	Residential Vacant
Lot 36	157 Brookvale Park Road, Erdington, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
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Lot 39	The Park Inn, 74 Park Road, Burslem, Stoke on Trent	Commercial Vacant
Lot 40	The Trafalgar Inn, 200 Waterloo Street, Burton on Trent	Commercial Vacant
Lot 41	The Malt Shovel, 131 Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton	Commercial Vacant
Lot 42	The Clement Arms, 30 Coventry Road, Small Heath, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 43	3 Hamilton Court, 165 Northfield Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 44	4 Colton Square, Leicester	Residential Investment
Lot 45	23 Colton Square, Leicester	Residential Investment
Lot 46	Land at Saredon Mill, Hatherton, Cannock	Land
Lot 47	Unit A & B Zenith Building, 26 Colton Street, Leicester	Commercial Vacant
Lot 48	49 Mission Drive, Tipton	Residential Vacant
Lot 49	2 Glenthorne Road, Erdington, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 50	Land at Alexandra Street & 33 Edward Street, Dudley	Land
Lot 51	24 Hart Road, Wednesfield	Residential Investment
Lot 52	The Queens Head, Sugar Brook Lane, Stoke Pound Bromsgrove, Worcestershire	Commercial Vacant
Lot 53	The Kings Head, 92 East Street, Fritwell, Bicester SOLD PRIOR	Commercial Vacant
Lot 54	28 Middleton Road, Kidderminster	Residential Vacant
Lot 55	126 Chipperfield Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham Ground	Rent
Lot 56	56 Woodfield Crescent, Sparkbrook, Birmingham Ground	Rent
Lot 57	151 Turfpits Lane, Erdington, Birmingham Ground	Rent
Lot 58	458 College Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham Commercial Ground	Rent
Lot 59	460 College Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham Commercial Ground	Rent
Lot 60	466 College Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham Commercial Ground	Rent
Lot 61	Garages 13, 14 & 15 William Court,, 70-72 Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham Garages	
Lot 62	1 Elms Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Residential Vacant
Lot 63	12 Hilton Road, Lanesfield, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 64	20 Great Bridge Road, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 65	13 Shaw Road, Tipton	Residential Vacant
Lot 66	324 Wolverhampton Road, Walsall	Residential Vacant
Lot 67	169 Green Lawns, Tipton	Residential Investment
Lot 68	Jubilee House, Boatmans Lane, Brownhills	Commercial Vacant
Lot 69	Land Corner of Hospital Lane & Masons Street, Coseley NOT BEING OFFERED	Land
Lot 70	171 Park Lane, Wednesbury	Residential Vacant
Lot 71	28 Florence Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 72	6 Vicarage Grove, Acocks Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 73	The Former GWRSA Club, Tolladine Road, Worcester	Commercial Vacant
Lot 74	20 Cheltenham Grove, Newcastle under Lyme	Residential Vacant
Lot 75	Land Adj. 20 Cheltenham Grove, Newcastle under Lyme NOT BEING OFFERED	Land
Lot 76	27 Harcourt Road, Kibworth, Leicester	Residential Investment
Lot 77	9 Morrison Avenue, Wolverhampton	Residential Investment
Lot 78	The Lodge, Trinity Street, Leamington Spa	Commercial Vacant
Lot 79	426-430 Garrison Lane, Bordesley Green, B-ham SOLD PRIOR	Commercial Vacant
Lot 80	Flat 3 / 371 Gillott Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 81	16 Bloxwich Road South, Willenhall	Residential Vacant
Lot 82	447 Cannock Road, Wolverhampton	Residential Investment
Lot 83	2-4 Marlborough Street, Kidderminster	Commercial Vacant
Lot 84	69 Aston Road North, Aston, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 85	Cafe 56, 56 Gravelly Lane, Erdington, Birmingham	Commercial Investment
Lot 86	9 Brades Road, Oldbury, West Midlands	Commercial Vacant
Lot 87	1 Hart Road, Wednesfield	Residential Investment
Lot 88	14 Hart Road, Wednesfield	Residential Investment
Lot 89	Flat 3 Horsehill House, Horsehills Drive, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 90	39 North Street, Dudley	Residential Investment
Lot 91	62 Neachells Lane, Wednesfield	Residential Investment
Lot 92	99 Neachells Lane, Wednesfield	Residential Investment
Lot 93	32 Brackleys Way, Solihull, West Midlands	Residential Vacant
Lot 94	17-19 Walsall Road, Cannock	Commercial Vacant
Lot 95	32 Newbolt Road, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 96	Land Adj. The Coppice, Newport Road, Codsall	Land
Lot 97	Land 24i Portway Hill, Rowley Regis	Land
Lot 98	Strategic Land off Kennford Road, Rowley Regis	Land
Lot 99	Land R/o 4-24 Upper Ettingshall Road, Coseley	Land
Lot 100	112 Albert Road, Stechford, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 101	5 Oaken Drive, Willenhall	Residential Investment
Lot 102	24 Winchester Drive, Wednesfield	Residential Investment
Lot 103	24 Miller Crescent, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 104	75 Station Street East, Coventry	Commercial Vacant
Lot 105	18 Windsor Road, Parkfields, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 106	27 Hall Lane, Coseley	Residential Vacant
Lot 107	Barford Road Members Club, Barford Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 108	39 Fowey Road, Hodge Hill, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 109	12 Campbell Close, Walsall	Residential Vacant
Lot 110	35 Furlong Lane, Halesowen, West Midlands	Residential Vacant
Lot 111	100 Upper Meadow Road, Quinton, West Midlands	Residential Vacant
Lot 112	53 Wensleydale Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 113	55 Albert Road, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 114	20 Station Street, Tipton	Residential Vacant
Lot 115	18 Glaisdale Gardens, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 116	81 Gladstone Street, West Bromwich	Residential Vacant
Lot 117	211 Birdbrook Road, Great Barr, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 118	98 Beeches Road, Great Barr, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 119	46A Perry Park Road, Rowley Regis	Residential Vacant
Lot 120	70 Crawford Street, Saltley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 121	110 Delph Road, Brierley Hill SOLD PRIOR	Residential Vacant
Lot 122	20 Gracemere Crescent, Hall Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 123	29 Gracemere Crescent, Hall Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 124	12 Michael Road, Wednesbury	Residential Vacant
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WEST PARK ROAD, SMETHWICK

Substantial free hold semi-detached property, virtually double glazed throughout, four bedrooms, bathroom and separate cloakroom, impressive hallway and landing, two reception rooms and morning room, off street parking, delightful garden to the rear, internal inspection to be appreciated
ENERGY RATING: D
Offers based on £249,950
Viewing: Bearwood Office

REDUCED

LINCOLN ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms and shower room
- Spacious lounge and kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Neatly laid out gardens to front and rear
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre

ENERGY RATING: D
Offers based on £112,000
Viewing: Bearwood Office

PUBLIC AUCTION

AT

THIMBLEMILL RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE THIMBLEMILL ROAD, SMETHWICK. B67 6NR

ON

WEDNESDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2013 AT 6.30PM

Lot 1: **31 HAMILTON ROAD, BEARWOOD. B67 5QE**
Freehold 3 bedroomed centrally heated, double glazed and extended semi-detached in need of general upgrading
ENERGY RATING : D ..... £80 - 90,000

Lot 2: **220 WATERLOO ROAD, SMETHWICK. B66 4NB**
Freehold 3 bedroomed terraced in need of full improvement
ENERGY RATING : E ..... £80 - 85,000

Lot 3: **24 VINCE STREET, SMETHWICK, B66 4JD**
Freehold 2 bedroomed terraced, centrally heated and double glazed, needs further improvement
ENERGY RATING : E ..... £75 - 80,000

Lot 4: **4/4a AUCKLAND ROAD, SMETHWICK. B67 7AT**
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed investment comprising two self-contained flats
ENERGY RATING : D - 4
ENERGY RATING : D – 4A £95-100,000

Lot 5: **147 GREAT ARTHUR STREET, SMETHWICK. B66 1DG**
Freehold 4 bedroomed mid-town house being centrally heated and double glazed, in need of full modernisation
ENERGY RATING : D ..... £75 - 80,000

Lot 6: **15 BRIDGE STREET SOUTH, SMETHWICK. B66 3DR**
Freehold 3 bedroomed mid-terraced property needing full modernisation
ENERGY RATING : F ..... £45 - 50,000

Lot 7: **11 SHAKESPEARE ROAD, SMETHWICK. B67 7HR**
Freehold centre town house being gas centrally heated & double glazed, but needing some further cosmetic improvement
ENERGY RATING : D ..... £80 - 90,000

Lot 8: **65 WINDMILL LANE, SMETHWICK. B66 3ES**
Freehold centrally heated 3 bedroomed terraced, in need of further improvement
ENERGY RATING : D ..... £ 70 - 80,000

Lot 9: **53 SHAKESPEARE ROAD, SMETHWICK. B67 7HS**
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 3 bedroomed semi-detached, needing modernisation
ENERGY RATING : E ..... £80 - 90,000

Lot 10: **36 DUDLEY ROAD, ROWLEY REGIS. B65 8JJ**
Freehold semi-detached with 3 bedrooms, double glazed and centrally heated but needing improvement
ENERGY RATING : E ..... £70 - 80,000

Lot 11: **86 RATHBONE ROAD, BEARWOOD. B67 5JF**
Freehold centrally heated terraced with 2 bedrooms, some double glazing and in need of some upgrading
ENERGY RATING : D £90-100,000

Lot 12: **135 HALES LANE, SMETHWICK. B67 6QL**
Freehold 3 bedroomed centrally heated and double glazed semi-detached, requiring some upgrading
ENERGY RATING : D ..... £80 - 90,000

Lot 13: **227 LONDONDERRY LANE, SMETHWICK. B67 7EP**
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 3 bedroomed end town house, in need of upgrading
ENERGY RATING : D ..... £80 - 90,000

Lot 14: **37 PAVILION AVENUE, SMETHWICK. B67 6LD**
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 3 bedroomed semi with garage, needing modernisation
ENERGY RATING : D £circa80,000

Lot 15: **FLAT 6 THE HAWTHORNES, 380 HAGLEY ROAD WEST, OLDBURY. B68 0DL**
Modern 2 bedroomed flat needing general improvement
ENERGY RATING : E ..... £60 - 70,000

Lot 16: **10 ABBEY CRESCENT, OLDBURY. B68 9HQ**
Freehold 3 bedroomed semi-detached, part double glazed, in need of full modernisation
ENERGY RATING : E £circa90,000

REDUCED

BROADWAY, OLDBURY

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Two double bedrooms and bathroom
- Through lounge/dining room, Kitchen and utility
- Two garages, Gardens to front and rear
- Off-street parking
- Potential for extensions, subject to planning consent
- Centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- ENERGY RATING:E

Offers based on £134,950
Viewing: Bearwood Office

REDUCED

BRISTNALL HALL ROAD, OLD-

- Traditional style freehold town house
- Centrally heated & double glazed virtually throughout
- Three bedrooms, one with en-suite washroom
- Shower room
- Hall, lounge and separate dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Ample off-street parking
- Pleasant outlook at rear over school playing

OFFERS BASED ON £99,950
Viewing: Bearwood Office

REDUCED

PENTHOUSE BRANDHALL COURT, BRANDHALL ROAD,

Extremely spacious spacious luxury penthouse flat
Well presented private gated development of flats
Delightful roof garden and separate balcony
Master bedroom with fitted furniture and en-suite shower room
2 additional double bedrooms
Magnificent L shaped lounge/dining room with patio doors
Fully tiled house bathroom with tub bath and individual shower
Separate garage standing in well tended and stocked landscaped gardens

OFFERS BASED ON £184,950
Viewings: Bearwood Office

REDUCED

BROADWAY, OLDBURY

- Modern freehold semi-detached residence
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Three good size bedrooms & bathroom with shower
- Hall, well proportioned lounge & kitchen/breakfast room
- Garage and off-street parking
- Delightful mature gardens
- Exceptionally convenient and popular location

Offers based on £146950
Viewing: Bearwood Office

FLORENCE ROAD, OLDBURY

- Internal inspection highly recommended
- Two reception rooms
- Three bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- House bathroom
- Off street parking
- Private rear garden
- Side garage

Offers based on £189,950
Viewing: Bearwood Office

ALL ANGELS WALK, OLDBURY

- Modern freehold town house
- Gas centrally heated, double glazed and alarmed
- Deceptively spacious accommodation
- Three bedrooms and refitted bathroom with shower
- Hall, through lounge/dining room & fitted kitchen
- Fitted cloaks/W.C.
- Off-street parking available close by
- ENERGY RATING : C

OFFERS BASED ON £95,000
Viewings: Bearwood Office

NEW

MILCOTE ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Prominent and sought after residential location directly overlooking Lightwoods Park
- Substantial freehold traditional family residence
- Gas centrally heated, double glazed & fully alarmed
- FOUR BEDROOMS & refitted bathroom with shower
- Hall, lounge, separate dining room & good size refitted kitchen
- Pleasant established gardens on three sides
- Garage and off-street parking

OFFERS BASED ON £249,500
Viewing: Bearwood Office

DURHAM ROAD, ROWLEY REGIS

- Ideal first purchase
- Excellently presented semi
- Gas central heating
- 2 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Gardens
- Allocated car parking space
- Full internal inspection

Offers based on £89,500
Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

MANSION CRESCENT, SMETHWICK

- Well presented freehold mid-town house
- Centrally heated
- Virtually double glazed throughout
- Three bedrooms
- Fully tiled bathroom with mixer shower
- Hall and spacious lounge
- Refitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Conservatory
- Off-street parking

OFFERS BASED ON £124,950
Viewing: Bearwood Office

REDUCED

CAPETHORN ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Traditional terraced property with double glazing and gas central heating
- Two double bedrooms and spacious refitted bathroom with individual shower
- Two reception rooms & refitted kitchen downstairs
- Established garden
- Close Bearwood, Cape Hill & easy access city centre
- Comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand

ENERGY RATING: D
Offers based on £92,500
Viewing: Bearwood Office

KATHERINE ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Freehold mid-terraced property
- PVC double glazed and gas centrally heated
- Two double bedrooms and spacious bathroom
- Two reception rooms, kitchen and study
- Downstairs shower room
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

ENERGY RATING: D
OFFERS BASED ON £105,000
Viewings: Bearwood Office

HAMILTON ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Freehold mid-town house
- Close to Warley Woods & Bearwood High Street
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, spacious lounge and open plan dining/kitchen
- Gardens to front and rear
- IDEALLY SUITED FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS
- ENERGY

Offers based on £ 105,000
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WIGORN ROAD, BEARWOOD

- First floor leasehold flat
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Open plan fitted kitchen
- Fully tiled bathroom
- On the doorstep of Bearwood High Street
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre
- Ideal for first time buyers

Offers based on £75,000 was £79,950
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HOLLY ROAD, EDGBASTON

- Spacious first floor self-contained flat
- Most pleasant residential location
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower
- Hall, lounge and good size dining/kitchen
- Communal gardens
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre
- ENERGY

OFFERS BASED ON £87,500
Viewing: Bearwood Office

PARK ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Freehold mid-terraced property
- Located close to Warley Woods & Lightwoods Park
- Centrally heated & virtually double glazed throughout
- Two double bedrooms & impressive bathroom
- Lounge and dining room
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- Ideally suited for first time buyers
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

ENERGY RATING: F
Offers based on £145,000
Viewing: Bearwood Office

19 CROSS STREET, LANGLEY

- Traditional terraced private house
- Exceptionally convenient residential location
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Much improved throughout
- Lounge, dining room and well fitted kitchen
- Refitted & well appointed bathroom with shower
- Two double bedrooms
- Pleasant laid out garden
- Ideal first time purchasers or investment
- Pleasant outlook to the rear over bowling green

ENERGY RATING: D
Offers based on £83,950
Viewing: Bearwood Office

BERESFORD ROAD, OLDBURY

- Centrally heated (where specified)
- PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge, dining room and kitchen
- Shower room
- Close Oldbury town centre
- IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS

ENERGY
Offers based on £99,950
Viewing: Bearwood Office

ABBEY ROAD, BEARWOOD

- SPACIOUS FAMILY ACCOMMODATION
- Easy access to Bearwood High Street, Warley Woods and Lightwoods Park
- Centrally heated, double glazed and alarmed
- Three bedrooms
- Hall, vestibule and inter-communicating through lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen and refitted bathroom

Offers based on £147,950
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NEW

Forest Road, Oldbury

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- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge, Separate Dining Room
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- Downstairs W/C
- FOUR VERY GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS
- Bathroom, Pleasant Rear Garden
- Garage With Driveway

Offers in the region of £245,000

NEW

Kent Road, Halesowen

Well Appointed & neatly maintained Three Bed Semi, situated Within this popular & sought after Residential location. In excellent order throughtout.

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen, Downstairs WC
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Block Paved Driveway
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

Offers in the region of £165,000

NEW

Kingsway, Oldbury

Well Presented Three bedroomed Traditional Style semi, Situated Within this Popular Residential Location, easy access to Local Amenities, Local Schools.

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Open Plan Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden, Garage & Driveway
- NO UPWARD CHAIN INVOLVED

Offers in the region of £162,000

EXTENDED

Woodbury Road, Halesowen

Modern Style Extended Family Home, sought after most popular residential location. Needs some modernisation however offering excellent potential. EPC-E

- Double Glazing, Warm Air Heating
- Through Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen, Utility Room
- Extended Separate Dining Room
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Corner Gardens, Garage with Driveway
- NO CHAIN

Offers in the Region of £157,500

EXTENDED

Sycamore Road, Oldbury

Well Presented Spacious Traditional Style Extended Semi, easy access to Local Amenities, Local Schools, Langley Railway Station, M5/M6 Motorway Networks. EPC - E

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge, Seprate Dining Room
- Extended Fitted Kitchen
- Office, Downstairs Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway

Offers in the Region of £149,950

NEW TO LET

Pound Road, Oldbury

Spacious Traditional Style Terrace, easy access to Local Amenities and Local Schools, M5/M6 Motorway Networks. Viewing Most Highly Recommended.

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing,
- Two Reception Rooms
- Lobby Area
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three Good Bedrooms
- Gardens

TO LET: £550 PCM

TO LET

Fox Hollies Road, Acocks Green

Well presented & Deceptively Spacious First Floor Flat, easy access to Local Amenities, In good order throughout. EPC - D

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen with Cooker & Fridge/Freezer
- Double Bedroom with built-in Wardrobes
- Bathroom with Shower
- Off Road Parking

TO LET: £399 PCM

TO LET

Regis House, Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath

Situated within "Regis House" extremely Spacious Well Presented Second Floor Flat, walking distance to all Local Amenities. EPC - E

- Gas Central Heating
- Spacious Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen with Fridge/Freezer & Cooker
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom with Shower
- Secure Off Road Parking

TO LET: £355 PCM

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Home of Property

Much-improved home on market

An extended and much improved traditionally styled semi-detached house in Kiniths Crescent, West Bromwich, is for sale based on offers around £134,950 – with no onward chain.

Agents say early viewing is essential to appreciate the gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation which briefly comprises recessed porch, entrance hall/stairs, through lounge/dining room, extended breakfast room/kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom/WC, parking and gardens.

On the ground floor the through lounge/dining room, 22ft 4in by 10ft, has a feature chimney breast wall with brick-built fire surround with raised slate hearth and inset gas fire and door to the rear garden.

The galley-style kitchen, 10ft 10in by 5ft 7in, has a range of base and wall units with roll top work surfaces incorporating single drainer stainless steel sink with mixer tap, four ring gas hob and electric oven and steps down to a breakfast room measuring 12ft 10in by 10ft 1in.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with white suite comprising panelled bath, pedestal wash hand basin and low level WC.

There is is a lawned front garden with borders and shared driveway providing off-road parking. To the side is a path to the rear breakfast room and to the rear a small enclosed garden with patio area and tiered levels. Call Marrion & Co on 01922 404446.

This property is on the market for £134,950

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Offers around £479,950

BEARWOOD

NEW INSTRUCTION

Lightwoods Road

An attractively presented, thoughtfully improved, spacious 3 bedroomed intermediate terraced property most conveniently situated for local shopping facilities available within Bearwood Town Centre, truly requiring an internal inspection, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Attractive lounge, sitting room, fitted breakfast kitchen (with oven/hob), re-fitted downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms, additional bathroom and pleasant rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC rating D. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £149,950

EDGBASTON

NEW INSTRUCTION

Wimbourne Road

An opportunity to acquire a spacious 3 bedroomed (potentially 4 bed) intermediate terraced property set within this convenient neighbourhood and requiring internal inspection, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Entrance hall, attractive spacious lounge, dining room, breakfast room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room (previously bed 4), and rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC rating E. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £149,950

OLDBURY

NEW INSTRUCTION

Ferndale Road

An attractively presented, thoughtfully improved, 3 bedroomed family home conviently situated with pleasant outlook to the front, having gas radiator heating, majority double glazing and briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule, delightful lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen (with oven/hob), rear lobby/utility area, downstairs w.c, 3 bedrooms, re-fitted shower room, off road parking and pleasant garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC rating D. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £124,950

SMETHWICK

NEW INSTRUCTION

Hales Lane

A deceptive, well proportioned 2 bedroomed semi detached property conveniently situated within this established neighbourhood, requiring internal inspection, briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule, lounge, breakfast kitchen, rear lobby (with downstairs w.c off), 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, pleasant rear garden and GARAGE AT THE REAR. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC rating E. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £109,950

QUINTON

NEW INSTRUCTION

West Boulevard

An opportunity to acquire a deceptively spacious 2 bedroomed intermediate terraced property conveniently situated, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule, attractive lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen (with oven/hob), 2 bedrooms, bathroom and pleasant rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC rating D. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £98,995

OLDBURY

NEW INSTRUCTION

Brook Road

An opportunity to acquire a 2 bedroomed ground floor flat set within this convenient, established neighbourhood and requiring internal inspection, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and comprising :- Entrance hall, spacious lounge, kitchen (with oven/hob), 2 bedrooms, bathroom and pleasant good sized rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC rating D. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

£67,500

OLDBURY

MUST BE VIEWED

Parkfield Road

An attractively presented, thoughfully improved 3 bedroomed traditional style semi detached property, conveniently situated within this popular neighbourhood and requiring internal inspection to be fully appreciated, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Entrance hall, delightful lounge, opening through to dining room, attractive kitchen, 3 bedrooms (master with a fine range of fitted furniture), re-fitted shower room, pleasant good sized rear garden and DOUBLE GARAGE at the rear. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC rating D. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £149,950

Meriden Gate opens to buyers with the seal of approval from agents

DAVID Wilson Mercia's Meriden Gate development on Maxstoke Lane in Meriden has received the seal of approval from Countrywide Land and New Homes local estate agent, R.A. Bennett & Partners, with its area director describing it as 'a popular development'.

Meriden Gate has a range of three, four and five-bedroom houses available which are ideal for growing families and those looking for more space in a great location.

The development is within easy walking distance of Meriden's village centre, it is ideally located between Coventry and Birmingham with Solihull nearby and has easy access to the M42 and M6 which is perfect for those needing to commute.

Meriden Gate features a range of three-, four- and five-bedroom houses priced from £245,000. For more information please contact the sales centre on 01676 522360 open daily from 10am to 5pm.

Alternatively, please call the sales hotline on 0844 811 3322 open seven days a week from 8am to 9pm or log on to www.dwh.co.uk

David Wilson Mercia was given a five star rating in last year's HBF Customer Satisfaction Survey, in which consumers are asked if they are satisfied with the quality of their new home and whether they would recommend their builder to a friend.

This property in West Bromwich is on the market with Worton Kelly

£165,000 for a semi-detached

WORTON Kelly is pleased to offer for sale this semi-detached property in West Bromwich, priced £165,000.

Briefly comprising two reception rooms, cloakroom, fitted kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, en suite, family bathroom, rear gardens, the property in York Crescent also has double glazing and central heating.

Outside, a rear garden has lawned area with fencing surround.

For further details contact the estate agent on 0121 588 5666.

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- Four Bedroom
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- A Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Bathroom

£104,950

COLES LANE, B71 2QN

- A Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Large Garage at Rear
- Majority Double Glazing

£110,000

LYNTON AVENUE, B71 2QY

- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Corner Plot, Garage
- Two Reception Rooms

£144,950

HOLLYHEDGE ROAD, B71 3AL

- A Semi Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bedrooms
- Freehold

£134,950

BRIDGWATER CLOSE, WS9 9PH

- An End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Fully Refurbished
- No Upward Chain

£85,000

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- Credit Check Required

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- Internal Garage and Private Garden
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- Credit Checks Required
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- One Bedroom
- Fully Furnished
- Credit Check Required

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- One Bedroom
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Harwood Street, West Bromwich — NEW

Energy Rating D, A Delightful Double Fronted Semi Detached House located near West Bromwich Town Centre, benefiting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation comprises of:- Porch, 2 Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Sized Bedrooms all with Fitted Wardrobes, Bathroom and separate W/C. Off Road Parking to the Front and a Low Maintenance Garden to the rear.
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Kellner Gardens, Oldbury — NEW

A modern ground floor two bedroom flat comprising security intercom entry system, entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, ensuite to master, family bathroom, double glazing, gas central heating, secure allocated parking space, no chain.
Offers Around
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£89,950**

Walsall Road, West Bromwich — REDUCED

An Attractive Extended End Terraced House, Benefiting from Central Heating and Majority Double Glazing. Property comprises of:- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Recently refitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Dressing Room, Bathroom/WC, Block paved driveway and Side Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£117,000**

Chamberlain Close, Oldbury

A 2 bedroom semi detached bungalow located in a quiet cul-de-sac location. The property is gas centrally heated and double glazed and has accommodation to briefly comprise a reception hall, 2 bedrooms with fitted wardrobes, wet room, lounge with feature fireplace, fitted kitchen, enclosed rear garden, off road parking and garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£130,000**

Durham Drive, West Bromwich

Ideal for first time buyers! An Attractive, Mid Terraced House having Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accommodation Comprises- Hall with Guests Cloaks/WC and Storage Cupboards with Power Points, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms with built in wardrobes, Bathroom/WC, Driveway Off Road Parking and 2 Allocated Car Parking Spaces within Secure Car Park at Rear.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£99,950**

Bustleholme Lane, West Bromwich

★★★ Reduced from £164,950 ★★★ An Extended Traditional Semi Detached House offering No Upward Chain. Benefitting From Central Heating and Double Glazing . Accommodation comprises- Hall with Shower Room/ WC off, Dining Room, Extended Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Gated Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£149,950**

Dartmouth Street, West Bromwich

A Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House with Excellent Town Centre Location. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Party Tunnel Shared Entrance, Entrance Hall with staircase to Cellar, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Refitted Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 3 Bedrooms and Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£119,950**

Hambletts Road, West Bromwich

A 3 Bedroom Double Fronted Mid Terraced House. No Upward Chain. Central Heating and Double Glazing. Open aspect to front overlooking playing fields. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Open Plan L Shaped Kitchen and Diner (Originally 2 Rooms), 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Garage with Rear Vehicle Access.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£113,000**

Haywoods Farm, West Bromwich

A 4 Bedroom Detached House situated in a quiet Residential Area. Benefiting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain! Accommodation Comprises:- Hallway, Ground Floor WC, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Conservatory, Ground Floor Bedroom, Further 3 Bedrooms, En-suite from Master Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Gardens to the Front and Rear and off Road Parking for Several Cars.
OFFERS IN EXCESS:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£175,000**

Hallam Street, West Bromwich

An Attractively Presented Ground Floor Flat which has been Modernised Throughout. Offering UPVC Double Glazing and Electric Storage Heating. Excellent location for Sandwell Hospital and Transport Links. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall with Large Storage Cupboard, Lounge, Refitted Kitchen, Refitted Shower Room/ WC, Bedroom, Communal Gardens, Shared Parking Area and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£69,995**

Jayne Close, West Bromwich

A Three Bedroom Semi Detached located in a popular cul de sac within easy reach of Stone Cross and Tame Bridge Train Station. Benefitting From UPVC Double Glazing, Central Heating, Cavity Wall Insulation and No Upward Chain.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£129,950**

Bilhay Lane, West Bromwich

Traditional end terrace home retaining many original features. The property benefits from gas central heating & some secondary glazing. Ground floor accommodation includes two reception rooms, kitchen, utility room & bathroom. To the first floor are three bedrooms & further staircase to bedroom four. Externally there is a rear courtyard & garden. The property must be viewed to be appreciated & is available with no ongoing chain.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£114,500**

Tipton, Gospel Oak Road

- modern semi detached
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- no upward chain
- reception hall

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- lounge
- conservatory
- fitted kitchen
- 2 bedrooms

£99,950

William Barrows Way, Tipton

Ex-Show Home Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain and builders guarantee. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen / family room, utility room, 4 double bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, garage and rear good size rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£239,950**

Lindley Avenue, Tipton

Extended traditional semi detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and extension to rear. Sought after location whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front, rear garden and garage. EPC Rating E
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£114,950**

Tipton, Thunderbolt Way

- modern purpose built second floor apartment
- upvc double glazing + electric heating
- security entrance doors + no upward chain
- viewing recommended

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- reception hall
- open plan lounge / fitted kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- shower room

£75,000

OFFERS AROUND:

Tipton, Wilday Close

- modern semi detached
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- reception hall
- through lounge / dining room

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- conservatory
- fitted kitchen
- 3 bedrooms + en suite
- family bathroom

£145,995

Napier Drive, Tipton

Modern Extended Link Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & being extended to rear / side. Offering superbly presented internal accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, downstairs shower room, utility area, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, crete-print driveway, side garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£149,950**

Lissimore Drive, Tipton

Modern Executive style Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and sought after cul de sac location. Immaculate internal spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted breakfast kitchen, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, block paved double driveway, garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£214,950**

Leasowe Road, Tipton

PUBLIC NOTICE:- Paul Dubberley & Co are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £76,500 for 106 leasowe Road, Tipton, West midlands, DY4 8PJ. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Paul Dubberley & Co, 73 Great Bridge, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 7HF, 0121 522 3733, prior to exchange of contracts.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£75,950**

Wynn-Griffith Drive, Tipton

Modern Link Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and occupying a corner plot. Superbly presented accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, side driveway, side garage and attractive paved rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£137,950**

Crankhall Lane, Wednesbury

- A 2 Bedroom 1st Floor Flat
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as spec.)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£65,000**

Dorsett Road, Wednesbury — NEW

AWAITING PHOTO

- A 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- UPVc Windows (as spec.)
- No Upward Chain!
- Reception Hall

Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£67,500**

Waldron Close, Wednesbury

- 2 Bedooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Mid Terrace
- Lounge

OFFERS AROUND
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£74,995**

Peel Close, Darlaston

- A Modern 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS OVER:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£80,000**

Wolverhampton Street, Darlaston

- A Period 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)
- Extended & Well Presented
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£85,000**

All Saints Road, Darlaston

- 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating (as specified)
- No Upward Chain!
- Lounge with cast Iron Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£89,995**

Moorlands Road, West Bromwich

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Upward Chain!
- In Need of General Upgrade
- Excellent Local Amenities

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£90,000**

Ames Road, Wednesbury

- A 4 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£97,000**

Wednesbury Oak Road, Tipton

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (As spec.)
- No Chain!
- In Need of General Upgrade

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£100,000**

Vimy Terrace, Wednesbury

- A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Quiet & Secluded Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£105,000**

Building Plot, Darlaston — NEW

- Plot of Land with Planning Consent Granted
- 1 Residential Dwelling
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Excellent Access to M6, Wednesbury, Darlaston & Willenhall Towns

OFFERS AROUND
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£45,000**

Beech Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Partially Double Glazed
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£90,000**

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Wake Green Road

A well presented modern one bedroom apartment offering a popular location close to local amenities. the property is finished to a good standard and briefly comprises of Open plan lounge kitchen, Double bedroom, Bathroom and double glazing. No Dss.

£350 pcm

Attingham Drive

A modern well presented one bedroom first floor apartment, offering a popular location and just a short distance from Dudley town centre and close to excellent transport links to Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Merry Hill and the motorway networks. The property is finished to a high standard and requires internal viewing to fully appreciate. Sorry no DSS.

Key Features:

£395 pcm

Poplar Grove

NEW

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A spacious mid terraced property having the benefit of central heating and part double glazing. The accomodation comprises two receptions rooms, re fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, two bedrooms, additonal room off main bedroom which could be utilised as a third bedroom, front garden and enclosed paved rear garden.

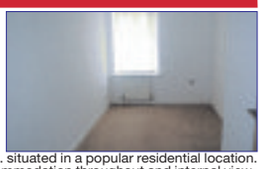
£450 pcm

Hawkins Croft Tipton

Modern Semi Detached house, double glazing & gas central heating.
Reception hall, open plan lounge / fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 1 bedroom, bathroom with shower and 2 parking spaces.

£380 pcm

Thunderbolt Way



A well presented modern ground apartment. situated in a popular residential location. The property offers a good standard of accommodation throughout and internal viewing is essential to fully appreciate. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Bathroom, Two good size bedrooms, Parking, Dg and Gch.

£450 pcm

Ferguson Drive Tipton

Modern two bedroom ground floor apartment, comprising, lounge with laminate flooring, fitted kitchen with oven & hob, bathroom with electric shower, master bedroom with storage cupboard/wardrobe, further bedroom, electric heating and allocated parking space.

£450 pcm

Bloxwich Road South

NEW

luxury 2 bedroom spacious brand new apartments having the benefit of UPVC double and triple glazing, gas central heating and fitted intruder alarm. These splendid larger than average properties briefly comprise, reception hallway, good size lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with intergrated appliances, two bedrooms (ensuite shower room to master), family bathroom and allocated parking spaces.

£495 pcm

Chepstow Way Walsall

A modern well presented three bedroom end of terrace property situated just a short distance from Bloxwich town centre which boasts excellent local amenities the property offers a spacious layout and briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Guest wc, Three good size bedrooms, Garage, Dg and Gch. Dss Considered.

£495 pcm

Mason Street West Bromwich

A mid terraced property which has the benefits from central heating and is part double glazed. Briefly comprising two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, family bathroom with shower over bath, two bedroms. The accomodation has an enclosed rear yard. Viewing 0121 525 5520

£495 pcm

Bellman Close

NEW

A three bedroom mid terrace situated in a quiet cul de sac location the property is finished to a high standard throughout and briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted dining kitchen, Three good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Private rear garden, Dg and Gch.

£525 pcm

63-65 Bustleholme Lane

A two bedroom 1st floor luxury apartment with the benefit of gas central heating, double glazing, intercom security system, communal gardens and off road parking. The property comprises lounge/fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, fridge, freezer, wall & base units, fully tiled bathroom/wc, 2 bedrooms with carpets and curtains.
PLEASE NOTE: This Property Requires £1,000 Deposit

£525 pcm

Oval Road West Midlands

End Terrace having UPVc double glazing, gas central heating, corner plot, spacious family accommodation & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, outhouses with toilet, 3 bedrooms, shower room, separate w.c. part block paved driveway & rear garden. Sorry No Dss

£525 pcm

Summerton Road

A superb opportunity to acquire this brand new two bedroom first floor apartment, set on Latimer Square this new exciting development from Taylor Wimpey the property is finished to a high standard as you would expect from such a renowned builder. Briefly comprising Reception hallway, Lounge with open plan modern fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, with ensuite to master, Further bathroom, Parking, Dg and Gch. No Dss.

£550 pcm

Greets Green Road

A Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking.

£550 pcm

Harrowby Place Willenhall

To Let- an extended 3 bedroom semi-detached house benefiting from gas central heating & upvc double glazing. Further comprising reception hall, through lounge, fitted kitchen, fitted bathroom, garage, drive & rear garden. Viewing 01902 633323..

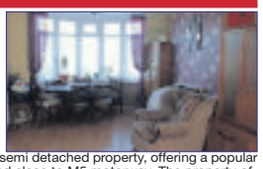
£550 pcm

Delville Road Wednesbury

A fully refurbished three bedroom property, just a short distance from Wednesbury town centre and excellent transport links. The property offers a good standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Three good size bedroom, Garden, Dg and Gch. Sorry no Housing Benefits.

£550 pcm

Poplar Avenue



A well presented three bedroom bay fronted semi detached property, offering a popular location just off the Birmingham new road and close to M5 motorway. The property offers good size accommodation and briefly comprises of Through Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Private rear garden, Dg and Gch. No Dss

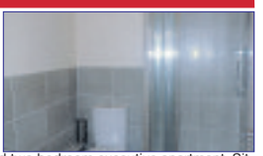
£550 pcm

Ivy Road Tipton

Middle terrace offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and superbly presented spacious family accommodation that must be viewed. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front and attractive rear garden.

£550 pcm

Churchfields Way



A superbly appointed and stylishly presented two bedroom executive apartment, Situated on this exciting churchfields development close to excellent transport links and local amenities. This impressive property offers a spacious layout and high standard of accommodation which requires internal viewing to fully appreciate.

£600 pcm

Hall Green Wharf

A Recently Built 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Housesituated on a gated development of just seven properties. Built to a high specification, with gas central heating and double glazing, this good sized home offers accommodation to include reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, cloakroom, three bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway, single garage, rear garden. No Dss

£625 pcm

Bright Street

NEW

Paul Dubberley & Co are pleased to present a delightful six bedroom semi-detached property is located near the city centre. The property consists of a exceptionaly large dinning room, fully fitted kitchen, dinning room and bathroom all located on the ground floor, first floor benefits from three bedrooms with the second floor with another two bedrooms. The property is within walking distance to City Centre, Wolverhampton University and local shops and Asda Store . Dg, Gch and Garage.

£700 pcm

Aster Way

Impressive four bedroom executive detached property, situated in a popular well established location close to excellent transport links and. This impressive property offers a well planned spacious layout and would make a comfortable family home. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining Room, Sitting room, Modern well equipped fitted kitchen. Four good size bedrooms, En suite to master, Detached garage, Driveway, Dg and Gch. No Dss.

£895 pcm

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TIPTON
SCOTT STREET

- 3 Storey
- Mid Terrace
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Front and Rear Gardens

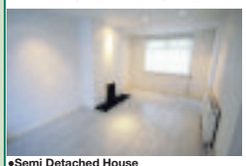
£650 pcm

Antrobus Road
Handsworth

- Four Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£595 PCM

WEDNESBURY
BROADWATERS AVE



- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking
- Sorry NO DHSS

£495 PCM

Blackthorne Road
Walsall

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Part Central Heated
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Sorry No DHSS

£475 PCM

DARLASTON,
DANGERFIELD LANE

- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£475 PCM

DARLASTON
BROADWATERS ROAD

- 3 Bed Semi Detached House
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- DHSS Considered

£475 PCM

Booth Street
Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM

WEDNESBURY
LOWER HIGH STREET,

- Three Bedrooms
- Private Entrance
- Fully Fitted Kitchen Diner
- Sorry No DHSS

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- Sorry NO DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£450 PCM

Darleydale Avenue
Great Barr

- Two Bedroom ground floor maisonette
- Entrance Hall
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Rear Garden
- Sorry no DHSS,pets or smokers

£450 PCM

Spring Court,Birmingham Road
Walsall

- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Shower Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Private Parking
- Shared Gardens

£450 PCM

WEDNESBURY
HANDLEY STREET

- Two Bedroom House
- Mid Terraced
- Fully Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Sorry NO DHSS
- Front and rear gardens

£450 pcm

WEDNESBURY
HARVILLS HAWTHORNE

- End Terraced House
- Two Bedroom
- Off Road Parking
- Front and Rear Gardens
- DHSS Considere

£450 PCM

WEDNESBURY
WEAVERS RISE

- Semi Detached House
- One Bedroom
- Electric heating
- Off Road Parking
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Sorry NO DHSS

£425 PCM

Hillary Street
Walsall

- First Floor Two Bedroom Flat
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- DHSS Accepted
- Council Tax Band: band A

£390 PCM

BILSTON
MAPLE COURT,

- One Bed Flat
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Secure Parking
- FULLY FURNISHED
- SORRY NO DHSS

£375 PCM

Crown Lofts
Walsall

- Modern Studio Flat
- Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Heating
- Balcony
- Sorry No DHSS

£375 PCM

WILLENHALL
MARKET PLACE

- One Bedroom Flat
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- In Willenhall Town Centre
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£375 PCM

Moat Road
Walsall

- Two Bed Flat above retail premises
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- DHSS Accepted

£350 PCM

WEDNESBURY
TALBOT HOUSE,

- One Bedroom
- Good Condition
- Shared Parking
- Town Centre Location
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£330 PCM

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NEW

OLDBURY ROAD
An exceptionally well presented and modernised traditional semi-detached. Porch, reception hall, lounge, dining kitchen, rear verandah, downstairs toilet, storage shed, three bedrooms, bathroom. Block paved driveway and established rear garden. ENERGY RATING C
Offers in the region of £114,950

TIVIDALE
NEW

CALIFORNIA ROAD
Traditional semi-detached house in need of improvement and modernisation. Replacement double glazing and gas central heatin. Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, understairs store cupboard, dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom. Off road parking, front & rear gardens. ENERGY RATING C
Offers in the region of £94,950

TIPTON
NEW

HOLCROFT STREET
Well presented spacious flush fronted terraced property. Double glazing and gas central heating to entrance hall, dining room, lounge, kitchen, downstairs toilet, two bedrooms, bathroom. Rear garden. ENERGY RATING D
Offer in the region of £82,950

OLDBURY

KNOTTSALL LANE
A traditional detached property. Storm porch entrance onto hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, utility area with W.C., shower room off and office/playroom leading off. Stairs to first floor, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate W.C., central heating, double glazing, side garage, block paved driveway. ENERGY RATING D
Offers in the region of £239,950

OLDBURY

POUND ROAD
A traditional detached bungalow offering well proportioned accommodation situated within a convenient location. Side porch into hallway, lounge with feature fireplace, dining kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom with separate shower, central heating, double glazing, garage, front and rear gardens. ENERGY RATING E
Offers in the region of £174,950

OLDBURY

FARM ROAD
A traditional semi detached property having two storey extension to the rear, hall entrance stores off, through lounge with dining area, kitchen. Staircase from hallway to three bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes) bathroom, side garage, double glazing and central heating, parking to front and rear garden. ENERGY RATING D
Offers in the region of £159,950

TIVIDALE

TEMPLE WAY
Modern link detached house situated within this popular residential location. Replacement double glazing and gas central heating throughout. Porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, understairs store cupboard, three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage and off road parking. Established gardens. ENERGY RATING C
Offers in the region of £129,950

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DRUIDS AVENUE
Modern detached bungalow occupying a corner position in a quiet cul-de-sac location. In need of improvement and updating. Vestibule, kitchen, entrance hall, dining room, lounge, bathroom, separate toilet, two bedrooms, central heating, double glazing, garage, established gardens. ENERGY RATING D
Offers in the region of £124,950

OLDBURY

DARBY ROAD
Traditional double fronted semi-detached house in a popular residential location. Replacement double glazing, new gas central heating system, re-fitted kitchen and bathroom. Porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, downstairs toilet, utility, three bedrooms, bathroom. Block paved driveway. ENERGY RATING D
Offers in the region of £124,950

TIVIDALE

ASHTREE ROAD
A traditional semi detached property. Porch entrance into reception hall, stores off, through lounge incorporating dining area, refitted kitchen. Staircase to three bedrooms, shower room, central heating and double glazing where specified, off road parking, garage, front & rear gardens. ENERGY RATING D
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Offers in the region of £112,500

SMETHWICK

HOLLY LANE
Corner terraced property benefiting of gas central heating and double glazing (where specified). Vestibule, entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, lobby, shower room, bathroom, dining kitchen, three bedrooms, rear garden. ENERGY RATING D
Offers in the region of £99,950

OLDBURY

VICARAGE ROAD
A three storey mid terraced residence requiring improvement and modernisation. Shared tunnel entry to side entrance, inner hallway stores off, two reception rooms, kitchen, lobby, bathroom. Stairs to three bedrooms and also from first floor to attic room, central heating, double glazing where specified. ENERGY RATING E
Offers in the region of £99,950

OLDBURY

WALLACE ROAD
An opportunity to acquire a semi-detached house constructed by the former Oldbury Borough Council for municipal occupation. Entrance hall, lounge, understairs store cupboard, dining kitchen, rear lobby, downstairs toilet, three bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, double glazing, front and rear gardens. ENERGY RATING D
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OLDBURY
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£550 pcm

DUDLEY
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APPLICATION IN

Modern 2 bedroom aprtment, open plan kitchen. fitted bathroom. economy heating and double glazed through out. designated parking. Available unfurnished. Must be viewed
£495 pcm

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£630 pcm

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LET

large 3 bed semi-detached property in Hilltop area, 2 reception rooms. newly refurbished. central heated. first floor bathroom. new carpets. unfurnished
£550 pcm

OLDBURY
MCDONALD CLOSE

3 bedroom link-detached property, spacious lounge, kitchen with dining area, ch and dg. first floor bathroom. Garage and drive. Must be viewed
£595 pcm

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LET

Spacious 2 bedroom maisonnete, large reception room, central heated and double glazed, available furnished.
£460 pcm

WEST BROMWICH
HAYWOODS FARM
LET

2 bedroom modern sem-detached property, ch and dg, spacious lounge first floor bathroom. unfurnished. Off road parking
£500 pcm

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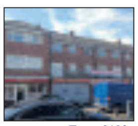
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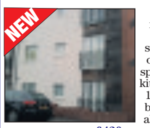
TIPTON
PARK LANE EAST
REDUCED

3 Bedroom spacious property, 2 reception rooms, 2 bathrooms. central heated and double glazed. available furnished or unfurnished. Must be viewed
£500 pcm

WEST BROMWICH
JEFFERSON PLACE
NEW

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WEST BROMWICH
HALLAM STREET
APPLICATION IN

2 bedroom property, spacious reception room, kitchen and dining space ch and dg, first floor bathroom, available fully furnished. near sandwell hospital DHSS WELCOME
£475 pcm

WEST BROMWICH
LIVINGSTONE ROAD
LET

Semi-detached modern property, spacious lounge, reception room. first floor bathroom with over head shower. central heated and double glazed. private drive and garage.
£550 pcm

WEDNESBURY
BRUNSWICK PARK ROAD
LET

one bedroom flat, spacious reception, ch & dg available unfurnished.
£450 pcm

BIRMINGHAM(HANDSWORTH)
GRASMERE ROAD

Refurbished 3 bedroom property, large through lounge, kitchen and utility area. downstairs w.c and upstairs bathroom. Available unfurnished.
£550 pcm

OLDBURY
PEEL STREET

Ground floor 2 bedroom Maisonnette, lounge, Kitchen with cooker and fridge. Central heating and double glazed. off road parking. Available unfurnished.
£450 pcm

WOLVERHAMPTON
WILLENHALL ROAD
NEW

Three bedroom mid terraced, refurbished property, two reception rooms, central heated and double glazed. Available unfurnished.
£495 pcm

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JEFFERSON PLACE
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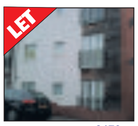
1 bed ground floor, modern aprtment, spacious lounge fitted kitchen and bathroom, storage heating, double glazed, allocated secure parking. available furnished
£470 pcm

WEST BROMWICH
WOOD LANE
LET

3 bedroom spacious property, newly refurbished. central heated and double glazed. New kitchen and bathroom. Off road parking
£525 pcm

WEST BROMWICH
PRINCES GATE
LET

Ground floor 2 bedroom modern apartment, main bed with ensuite. spacious lounge, fitted bathroom. economy heating. double glazed windows with secondry glazing. designated parking. Available unfurnished.
£500 pcm

WEST BROMWICH
WALSALL STREET
APPLICATION IN

one bedroom flat above shops, available part furnished, double glazed windows where specified. storage heaters.
£330 pcm

WEST BROMWICH
ST.KENELMS
LET

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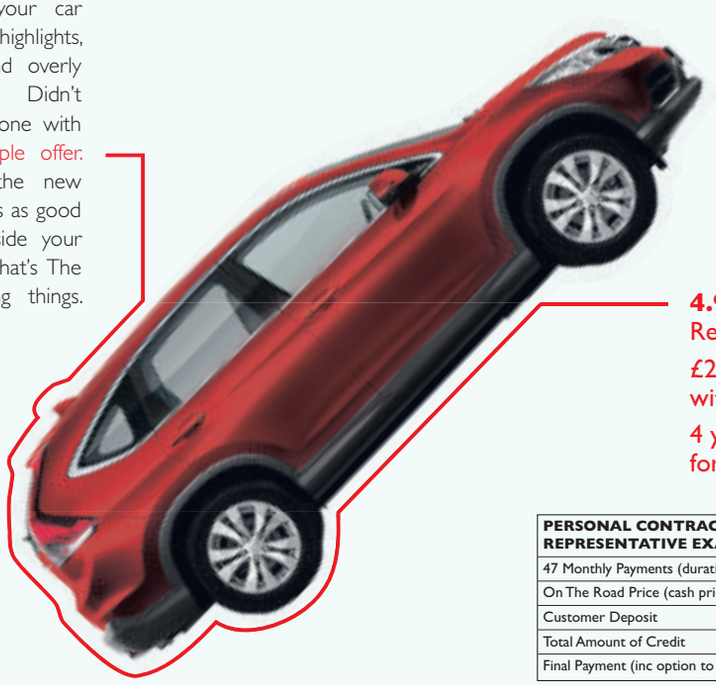

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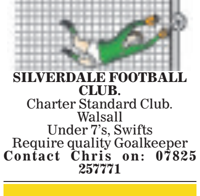

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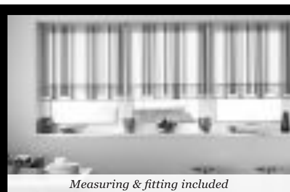

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Mr Nick Bubalo
Area Director - Regeneration and Economy

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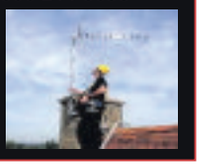

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On track for cycle speedway challenge

BIRMINGHAM'S speedway stars will turn to pedal power in a good cause.

They have challenged Midlands rivals Dudley Heathens to a match – at cycle speedway.

A team representing the former Cradley club, which is expected to include local lads Ashley Morris, Dan Greenwood and Paul Starke, will face up to the Brummies at Sandwell's track on Wednesday, March 13 at 7.30pm.

The event will help raise cash for Sandwell following a recent vandalism attack. The track is at Tividale Community Recreation Centre, Lower City Road, B69 2HA.

Surprise

Heathens boss Will Pottinger said: "Birmingham approached us and we thought it was a nice idea.

"I'm told Graham Drury (Birmingham boss) has already started telling his riders to get out on their push bikes, that's how much he wants to win it. We will go there for a fun night and we might just surprise him."

Drury said: "I was very upset when I heard about the vandalism and Brian Buck, who is a remarkable individual who did so much to champion the return of speedway in Birmingham in 2007, has been involved there for years. I spoke to Brian and then I got in touch with Will Pottinger at Dudley. I'm hoping supporters of both clubs come along.

"There will be a nominal admission fee and all money will go towards the repairs needed by Sandwell Cycle Speedway Club."

Meanwhile, Dudley have confirmed their fixtures for the 2013 season.

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Sub Ashton's late strike saves point for Town

Tipton Town 2 Rocester 2

A GOAL by substitute Graham Ashton six minutes into added time rescued a Midland Alliance point for Tipton Town.

In the 11th minute Edwin Ahenkorah's cross beat home keeper Jack Hayfield and bounced along the goal-line. The assistant ref ruled it out despite Rocester protests.

After Richard Huckfield saw Rocester keeper Richard Froggatt smother his flick in the 14th minute, Rocester's Darren Leonard made space before firing too high.

Tipton's Danny Dubitat curled in a dangerous cross but Reuben Wilson saw a full-stretch Froggatt beat his shot away.

Tipton kept pressing as Paul Henley just failed to tee-up Dubidat and Nigel Penney. Soon afterwards Froggatt again saved impressively from Penney.

In the 36th minute Rocester led with a finely-struck effort from Darren Leonard.

Tipton centre-back Huckfield might have got a hat-trick. He saw an effort beat the flailing arms of Froggatt but clear the bar.

After work by Tom Tonks the defender saw Joe Rogers hack his shot clear to Dubitat, who saw Froggatt make a fine save.

Rocester's Leonard latched onto a loose ball and drove past the exposed Hayfield.

Rocester continued to try to deny Tipton as much space as possible after the break.

Chris Sterling tested Hayfield and, shortly afterwards, Adam Swain executed a commendable foray upon the home goal but his final pass lacked the required accuracy.

Huckfield went close to cutting arrears in the 63rd minute as his neat effort struck an upright. Centre-back Darren Bullock was a rock in the visitors' defence, repelling waves of Tipton attacks.

Tipton's Dubidat and Reuben Wilson gave way to Nathan Waite and Karl Edwards 18 minutes from time.

Five minutes later a foul by Chris Sterling on Huckfeld saw the Rocester player sent off. The visitors began to lose their discipline, to their cost, and with Tipton mounting more attacks it was no great surprise when ace goalscorer Nathan Waite forced the ball home from close in.

It was all Tipton as they drove forward to save the game, Edwards extended Froggatt and led home attacks which the Rocester keeper defied admirably until, with just 30 seconds of additional time remaining, Ashton struck a dramatic leveller.

He drove deep into the Rocester half and netted from close range to rescue a well-earned point for the Black Country side.

Visitors overhauled in closely-fought derby

Handsworth 31 Wednesbury 21

WEDNESBURY led a keenly-contested derby match only to be overhauled in the second half by the home side.

The Midlands Three West (North) game was spoiled for both sides with numerous handling and kicking mistakes which put pressure on each team.

After a few skirmishes and keeping Handsworth under pressure, Wednesbury took the lead with a try from Mike Chivers, converted by Nick Biddlecombe.

Shortly afterwards Biddlecombe kicked another penalty given by both touch judges but not by the referee.

Biddlecombe rectified this three minutes latter, kicking another penalty to increase Wednesbury's lead.

Handsworth, on one of their rare moments in the Wednesbury half, took advantage of a mistake by Wednesbury's defence to score their first try and conversion.

Jubilation

Five minutes later, Biddlecombe was on target again kicking his second penalty of the game to increase Wednesbury's lead.

However, jubilation was short-lived as Handsworth kicked a penalty, reducing the visitors' half-time lead to 13-10.

In the second half Handsworth were playing down the slope and used the advantage much better than Wednesbury had in the first period.

But after 10 minutes Wednesbury scored again when Biddlecombe stepped up to kick his third penalty.

Rugby union

However, Handsworth hit back, running in another converted try to give them the lead.

Wednesbury battled hard but continued to make silly mistakes continually giving Handsworth the advantage.

On the hour, Handsworth took advantage of yet another Wednesbury mistake to score their third converted try.

For the next 15 minutes both sides attacked to put increasing pressure on their opponents.

And it was the home side who made the breakthrough. Wednesbury felt aggrieved at the award of a penalty try to Handsworth, particularly when the visitors pressed on the restart and forced repeated infringements with no similar award.

With just a minute to go, Biddlecombe raced through to score what turned out to be a consolation try.

In rushing to take the conversion he slipped and missed the kick.

One in support and two in pursuit – Jordan Allwood stretches out in Wednesbury's derby defeat at Handsworth

TCR driver Mike Robinson

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Robinson and Johnson team up having raced against each other with TCR in the Total Quartz Ginetta GT5 Challenge last year.

Experience

Robinson finished 2012 as runner-up in the headline G40 class of the Ginetta GT5 Challenge. The 30-year-old has also been a front-runner in the Renault UK Clio Cup with TCR. The new motor racing season will mark his seventh with the Lee Brookes-led team.

Johnson, aged 38, joined TCR midway through last year and ended the Ginetta GT5 Challenge sixth overall.

TCR have vast experience of running SEAT machinery from the squad's time in the now defunct SEAT Cupra Championship. Winning back-to-back titles in 2007 and 2008 with current GT ace Jonathan Adam, the team are now relishing the prospect of tackling the Britcar Production Cup.

Brookes said: "It's fantastic for TCR to be branching out into Britcar full-time.

"We don't enter any championship without the intention of trying to win it, so we're setting our sights high."

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It's better from Bs, but they still lose

Wednesfield 2 Bustleholme 0

BUSTLEHOME put in a much-improved display, but it was the same old conclusion as hosts Wednesfield took the three West Midlands League Premier points.

It was an open game that could have gone either way but, despite a bright start from the Bs, they fell behind after 20 minutes.

A right-wing cross found the head of Keiron Whittaker who headed past goalkeeper Sam Slater, making his debut for Bustleholme.

The visitors pressed for an equaliser with Jamie Clews, Jake Foster and Ricky Martin all going close with long-range efforts.

In the second half, the Bs controlled most of the game and went close when a Martin free-kick crashed off the crossbar, with Clews failing to finish the rebound from close range.

As the game entered the 90th minute, a quick Wednesfield throw-in caught Bustleholme napping and Ryan Carter placed a low drive past Slater.

It won't come any easier this Saturday, as Bustleholme take on high-flying Shawbury United at Tipton Academy in desperate need for three valuable points as they prop up the table in bottom place.

Yeltz pushing for play-offs

Leek Town 0 Halesowen Town 2

A SUPER performance by Halesowen saw them maintain their unbeaten run in 2013 and continue a push for the Evo-Stik Division One South play-offs.

The result was built on them adapting better to a difficult surface, soaking up a lot of pressure – and some outstanding saves by goalkeeper Paul Evans.

Halesowen had the first chance on 15 minutes when Ben Haseley linked up with Luke Corbett who put the ball wide. Aaron Griffiths twice struck the bar with shots just before the break.

On the hour, Halesowen went ahead when Leek failed to deal with a ball into the box and Corbett rounded the keeper and scored.

Five minutes from time, Ben Haseley fluffed a one-on-one with the goalkeeper.

But on 87 minutes, he made no mistake from the penalty spot after Jean-Michel Gueyes was fouled.

Groundsman's heroics matched on the pitch

Tividale 5 Continental Star 1

TIVIDALE beat the elements to shine in a rout of visiting Continental Star, but the Midland Alliance fixture nearly did not get off the ground.

It was only some sterling work by Tividale groundsman Ted Wood and his volunteers, including John Robinson, that gave this game the go-ahead.

And it was left to an hour before Saturday's kick-off before referee Anthony Glazzard decided the pitch had dried out enough.

In those opening minutes, the home side must have felt that it was a decision they were going to regret. After only three minutes, full-back James Cooper was carried off and taken to hospital with ligament damage after injuring himself in a tackle on the edge of the Tividale box.

This brought a reshuffle as a lack of defensive cover on the bench saw forward Daniel Evans brought on and Kyle Brady dropped into midfield as they went to a back three.

Tividale then went 1-0 down after 16 minutes, when Davion Hamilton was given the freedom of the penalty area and made no mistake with his finish. But that was as good as it got for the visitors as, on 22 minutes, Tividale were level. Jason Chilton had already seen his shot cannon off the crossbar two minutes after the first goal. The equaliser came when striker Matt Jukes went on a great run to play in Kyle Hill, who cut in from the right flank and fired past goalkeeper Karl Hunter.

Hunter was then called on a minute later to deny Jukes, when the forward was through one-on-one. Two minutes later, Star's Daniel Holgate from three yards out managed to put the ball over the bar.

On 34 minutes, Brady drove forward before unleashing an unstoppable strike from a good 25 yards into the top left-hand corner. On 41 minutes, it was game over when Chilton hit a 60-yard cross-field pass from the left-back position straight into the stride of Jukes in the right channel, who needed just one touch before firing past Hunter.

On 68 minutes it was 4-1 when a Brady corner was headed home by the unchallenged Williams. A minute later, the biggest applause of the afternoon was reserved for Tividale substitute Brett Clark, making his first appearance since breaking his jaw and fracturing his eye socket in September.

He announced his arrival by slamming home Tividale's fifth with his first touch.

STRIKER AIMS FOR A PLACE IN EUROPE

STRIKER Romelu Lukaku has challenged Albion to aim for Europe as he targeted a memorable end to his "wonderful" season.

The on-loan teenager insists the Baggies can still gate-crash the battle for Europa League places despite a mid-season slide that saw them lose pace with the Premier League's top clubs. Steve Clarke's side's flying start to the season took them third in November but they are now ninth – five points off the sixth place that would give them a chance of European qualification.

by Steve Madeley

But Lukaku, who scored as the Baggies returned to winning ways at Liverpool, said: "Europe is still a target, especially for me.

"I think that's the next step for me and I think it is the next step for the club as well."

Lukaku has bagged 10 goals despite starting just 11 times in the Premier League and he admitted he has been overjoyed with his time at The Hawthorns.

Capable

"This year has been wonderful," said the Chelsea youngster, who was named Albion's Zoopla player of the month for January and received the award from prize-winners Iain Caldecott and his son Hayden, 10.

"When I joined I wasn't sure we would be this high in the league, but after three games I knew we were capable and I knew it was going to be good for me.

"The league is long and we have 12 games to go.

"We are in a good position and the European spots are right in front of us. With the qualities we have I think we can make it."

Meanwhile, Clarke has declared that defender Craig Dawson has a big future at The Hawthorns.

The Baggies head coach again stressed that the England Under-21s centre-back is a part of his plans after allowing Dawson to join Bolton on loan.

Clarke, who watched the 22-year-old in action in the Trotters' 1-1 draw at Derby this week, said: "We sent Craig out to get games.

"We know what we've got in Craig. We've got a good, young, English prospect for the future.

"His future is here. That's something I said when he went out on loan and I will repeat it again. We will keep an eye on him and we're pleased he chose Bolton because it's a good club and he can learn there.

"And it was important he went somewhere where they try to play the right way."

Clarke admitted, however, that young striker Saido Berahino is unlikely to return to Peterborough on loan in the immediate future because of an ongoing knee problem.

The England youth international returned from Posh because of the injury and London Road boss Darren Ferguson has expressed an interest in re-signing him.

"We need to get him fit and see where he is then," said Clarke.

Iain Caldecott and his son, Hayden Caldecott (10) present the Albion player of the month award to Romelu Lukaku

Win may have big bearing over title

Worcester Ladies 0 Barford Tigers Ladies 1

BARFORD LADIES won at Worcester in a first versus second clash that may help decide the Worcestershire League Division Three title.

Tigers, without three key players, gave debuts to Simran Degun, Jodie Banks and Rav Dhillon as Worcester had the strongest team to face Tigers this season.

Barford's attacking style saw them go close to scoring in the first 10 minutes through Stacey Nash and Hannah Yates.

A period of counter-attacking saw both teams defend with great resolve.

Worcester threatened on the wings without clear chances as attacks were snuffed out by the Tigers' defensive unit, backed up by tireless covering runs from midfield of captain Leanne Homer and Nash.

Barford got the crucial goal with a counter-attack.

Charn Gill started a passing move inside Tigers' half which ended in Emily Homer releasing Nash down the right wing. She beat several defenders before sending a pinpoint cross for Bianca Homer to slot the ball under the diving keeper.

The second half started with Tigers once again on the attack with new girls Dhillon and Degun combining to create a chance for Gill which was well saved.

More chances followed with Leanne Homer, Yates and Nash all having shots cleared off the line.

Barford came under pressure but saw the game out and now have an 11-point lead at the top of the table going into Saturday's match at Redditch (noon).

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